

# Million Dollar Fire Ravages Cornwall, Ontario

Flies From Arctic To Play Santa Claus At Home



Weather-beaten veteran Arctic traveler, Inspector A. Larsen prepares for a happy Christmas at home with his family following his arrival here today. With him are, left to right, Gordon, 9; Beverly, 2½, and Doreen, 12.

## Inspector Larsen Reaches City From Ice-Bound Ship

Santa Claus was a day early at one Victoria home today, and he brought the best present of all—"Daddy." He is Insp. Henry A. Larsen, master of the R.C.M.P. Arctic patrol schooner St. Roch, who traveled from Herschel Island by dog-sled, plane and ship to reach home in time for Christmas with his wife and family of three.

At his home at 2440 Central Avenue this morning, the inspector beamed in his own happy surroundings, which included Mrs. Larsen, 12-year-old Doreen, nine-year-old Gordon, and Beverly, who is a gay two and a half years of age.

But even in his own happiness, he remembered the four crew members left aboard the St. Roch in the loneliness of the ice-locked harbor in Herschel Island. He hopes they will be able to have a merry Christmas on their part.

### BAD WEATHER

Looking back on the northern trip, which started from the B.C. coast June 29, Insp. Larsen said the weather had been very poor. The St. Roch ran into a lot of ice east of Point Barrow, Alaska, he said, and from then on there was nothing but snow and gales, so that they could not do a great deal of work.

However, the freeze-up was late and in the middle of September the weather turned mild and a good deal of ice was blown away. But the snow continued to fall and was so heavy that after about two weeks the St. Roch was surrounded by a thick layer of snow laying on the surface of the sea.

The St. Roch went first to Herschel Island and then on to Banks Island, returning to Herschel Island to remain for the freeze-up through the winter. There are at present about five Eskimo families on the island, Insp. Larsen said.

Asked whether he had found Santa Claus up north, the inspector smiled and replied that they had him aboard the St. Roch. It seems the children at Akavik have been sending out their requests to Santa Claus by means of radio. These messages have been going to the St. Roch, where the wireless operator, Constable Sargent, has assumed the role of Santa Claus. He was doing very well in the job, too, Insp. Larsen said, adding that at Akavik the children had eagerly questioned him about Santa.

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## Philippines Plan Joyous Christmas

MANILA (AP)—The Philippines turned wholeheartedly tonight to its most bountiful Christmastide in seven years.

Thousands of the devout in this only Christian nation in the Orient streamed to churches. Afterward they will observe the traditional Buena Noche (good night) feasts. Tables will be loaded with food, even though rice sells for six times its prewar price, turkeys for \$1.75 a pound and sucking pigs for from \$20 to \$25 each.

A modern note was planned for celebrations at U.S. air bases in the Philippines. Santa Claus was due to descend on Nicholas Field in a 13th Air Force helicopter.

So far as the St. Roch is concerned, the veteran Arctic traveler says she is safely frozen in and will probably be free of the ice by next June. He has had no instructions yet as to where she will proceed when freed, and he does not yet know when he will be returning to his ship.

FRANKFURT (Reuter)—American soldiers at Bremen imported 100,000 gaily-wrapped ice cream bars from the United States for German children living in the seaport town this Christmas. The soldiers have spent \$716,290 on pre-Christmas parties for nearly 1,000,000 children.

## Greek Communists Set Up Separate Regime In North

ATHENS (AP)—Guerrilla radio broadcasts today proclaimed establishment of a Communist "government" in northern Greece under Gen. Markos Vafiades, and called on members of the left-wing E.L.A.S. to "take up arms."

E.L.A.S. is the armed branch of the E.A.M. left-wing political party.

Premier Themistokles Sofoulis told newspaper men the vaguely located rump state likely would be recognized immediately by the Communist-dominated northern neighbors of Greece—Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. All three have been accused by a United Nations commission of abetting the civil strife in Greece.

EARLY SHOW-DOWN

Greek military authorities insisted the Communists could not hold a given area in northern Greece for 48 hours. One high military leader said the proclamation of a Communist state would lead to an early solution of the guerrilla problem because the army could wipe out the rebels in a frontal battle.

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## Minister Urges Officers Continue At Posts On Ships

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell today called on deck, radio and engineer officers of deep-sea ships to continue manning their vessels while negotiations for a new contract proceeds with the operators.

His appeal to three unions on the Pacific coast came as five vessels were tied up in British Columbia ports after a "no contract, no work" decision by the officers and while some ships in Halifax were crippled by resignations of officers.

The minister termed "most unreasonable and arbitrary" the action of three officer unions on the B.C. coast in voting that no vessels should sail from that coast until a new agreement had been concluded with the shipping companies or some proof of such an agreement was forthcoming.

His telegram to the unions was in reply to one advising him they had taken this stand. The organizations are the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, the National Association of Marine Engineers and the Canadian Communications, representing respectively the deck, engineer and radio officers on dry-cargo vessels.

### TALKS IN MONTREAL

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that negotiations for new agreements have been under way in Montreal for some time under Mr. Justice D. A. McNiven, industrial disputes inquiry commissioner appointed by the minister to conciliate the dispute.

He said he had been informed "substantial progress" had been made toward agreements covering officers after contracts for unlicensed personnel had been agreed on.

These negotiations had been suspended for the holiday season, Mr. Mitchell said.

"I therefore regard as most unreasonable and arbitrary the action of your respective organizations in deciding upon a disruption of overseas shipping."

## LATEST

### W.I.'s Play Santa

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Christmas day temperatures in Australia are expected to range between 80 and 100 degrees. Thousands of Australians headed today for Yuletide holidays at seashore resorts.

### Charge Arrives

NEW YORK (CP)—M. R. Belohostikov, chargé d'affaires at Russian Embassy in Ottawa, arrived today aboard the liner Queen Mary after a visit to the Soviet.

### 4 Typhoid Cases

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—Four new cases of typhoid fever reported today among 76 guests at a Thanksgiving Day wedding reception brought the total stricken to 15. Health authorities still are seeking the source of the infection.

### Plan Development

REGINA (CP)—Resources Minister Phelps of Saskatchewan said today the provincial government would begin shortly a "vigorous program" to assess Saskatchewan's mineral resources and encourage their development.

### Siamese Twins Failing

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Chances for survival of the Siamese twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Speer of Bedford, Ind., have "considerably diminished," Dr. D. Casley said today. Joined at the top of their heads, they were born Nov. 29 in Bedford.

## Welcome Santa!



Tiny Diosa "Dinky" Rolston Young couldn't stay in bed to wait for Santa Claus. Although she can barely reach the knob, she has the door open and a wide smile to greet jolly old Santa this Christmas Eve. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Young, 2723 Scott Street.

## U.S.-Canadian Hunt For Plane Lost Off Goose Bay, Nfld.

HALIFAX (CP)—Canadian and United States air search forces were in action today on distress signals from a U.S. Army Air Force Flying Fortress that it was making a forced landing somewhere northeast of the Goose Bay, Labrador, base, and from an American Seaboard and Western commercial plane, reporting one engine "running wild" over the Atlantic 400 miles

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that was making a forced landing on a lake.

R.C.A.F. and United States forces at Goose were sending off search planes to look for the big Fort, two hours overdue when it reported it was lost and making a forced landing. The pilot said he thought he was somewhere "northeast" of Goose and he said he was making a forced landing on a lake.

STORM FEARED

There were no other details except a weather report that a snowstorm or blizzard might strike that area in the next few hours.

The first reports from the distressed commercial air liner were equally skimpy. The plane, of unidentified type, reported only that it was 400 miles from Gander on a flight from Shannon, Eire.

The commander said one engine was "running wild"—an aviation term meaning it was feathering and useless. He did not say whether he was carrying passengers or cargo.

The United States army base at Stephenville, Nfld., dispatched a Flying Fortress equipped with an aerial life raft.

## Few Pilgrims Hazard Strife To Visit Birthplace Of Christ

### BETHLEHEM (AP) — Cold, SING CAROLS

As usual, members of the various Protestant faiths will usher in Christmas Eve with community carol singing at the Church of the Nativity. Later both Roman Catholics and Protestants will make a pilgrimage to the field of the shepherds—a half-mile from Bethlehem.

Many of them came from Jerusalem, down the road over which Joseph and Mary passed nearly 20 centuries ago today to seek and be refused shelter at an inn. Their goal was the sacred grotto of the Nativity, on the site of the stable where Joseph and Mary found a haven and where Christ was born.

It was there, according to tradition, that three frightened shepherds heard that first song of Christmas:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

The pilgrims' road home to the city of David and the surrounding hills will be lined by helmeted soldiers with Tommy-guns at the ready to prevent political murder from marring Christendom's holiest day.

In the grotto, there will be constant prayers until the early hours of Christmas morning before the little marble altar which represents the straw-filled manger where the Baby Jesus lay.

The grey stone Church of the Nativity, built 15 centuries ago and rebuilt by the Crusaders, stands peacefully today under Bethlehem's slate-grey sky, a symbol of everything which Palestine is not. For peace does not abide in Palestine.

British soldiers, celebrating their 30th and last Christmas as a military power in the Holy Land, were expected to number several hundred in the Christmas Eve services. In other years there were thousands, but today most of them are on security duty, striving to stop the killing of Arab by Jew and Jew by Arab.

Scattered sniping and skirmishes in Haifa were reported broken up by a charge of Hagana forces, the underground Jewish defence army.

Gunfire echoed through the old City of Jerusalem. An Arab was wounded by bullets from a speeding taxi cab in suburban Romema.

## Jew, Arab Strife Continues Fierce

### GERUSALEM (AP)—A Jew and two Arabs were killed today in continuing communal strife over partition. Four Arabs and three Jews were wounded.

The fatalities rose to 310 in Palestine and to 431 throughout the Middle East since Nov. 29, when the United Nations decided to carve the state into Jewish and Arab nations.

Times will revive many of the features which were discontinued during the war. Eight pages will be devoted to Music, Drama, Books, Bridge, Farm and Garden, Children's, Nature, Movies, Fashion, Recipes and World Events. The pages will be illustrated with topical pictures.

## Heart Of Business Area Hit

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Fire early today destroyed 24 second-story apartments, 12 stores and several offices, causing \$1,000,000 damage in the heart of Cornwall's downtown business section.

Mayor Lloyd D. Gallinger who said the loss would be "easily \$1,000,000," said the blaze had created a "civic emergency."

Firemen from Massena, N.Y., 10 miles southwest of here, answered an emergency call and sped to Cornwall across the St. Lawrence River to help check the blaze.

Relief headquarters for the dozens of men, women and children forced to the cold, ice-spread street below their apartments were set up at City Hall.

Meanwhile, normal business and transportation was strangled in this city of 15,000 persons about 70 miles west of Montreal.

### CHRISTMAS PARCELS DELAYED

All along Pitt Street, the city's main thoroughfare, traffic was snarled. For blocks the only vehicles moving were fire trucks and police cars. Christmas deliveries were disrupted. Water from hydrants froze solid in the street.

The weary, hard-pressed regular fire department of 16 men, bolstered by the Massena brigade and volunteers, continued to pour tons of water into the smouldering ruins.

One person—a policeman—was reported injured. He suffered a leg injury when struck by a tumbling store front, one of several walls which collapsed during the early morning.

At least two other persons, one a woman, escaped injury under similar circumstances.

The two-dozen families who fled from apartments above the razed block of stores were almost destitute. Most of them escaped with only scanty clothing and only a few were able to save personal belongings and furniture from the path of the speeding flames.

### APPEAL TO HOMES

Mayor Gallinger appealed to householders to provide accommodation for the homeless. He indicated persons who could not be looked after in that way would be cared for by the city.

The mayor, in a statement emphasizing the extent of the disaster and appealing for public assistance, described the fire as "a severe blow, not only to the individuals concerned but to the whole business life of Cornwall."

"This constitutes a civic emergency and I appeal to all residents to render whatever possible assistance they can."

"In the event that such action is necessary, I pledge the assistance of the city council in seeing that those persons left homeless will be looked after until they can be rehabilitated."

Cause of the fire was not determined immediately. But it was known in started in either the McIntyre and Campbell drygoods store or the adjoining Lowe Brothers' paint shop.

Fed by paints and varnishes, the flames spread quickly and soon were beyond immediate control.

### Times Observes Holiday; Feature Pages Saturday

There will be no issues of this newspaper Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The next regular editions will be published Saturday.

In the Saturday issues the features which were discontinued during the war. Eight pages will be devoted to Music, Drama, Books, Bridge, Farm and Garden, Children's, Nature, Movies, Fashion, Recipes and World Events. The pages will be illustrated with topical pictures.

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## Christmas Greetings Couple Plea For Suffering Europe

Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, formed with a hope that other parts of the world may in the near future enjoy such fortunate conditions as Canadians enjoy today were expressed in messages from federal, provincial and civic leaders. The messages follow:

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR  
AND MRS. BANKS

In sending you our Christmas Message we cannot refrain from telling you that, in a letter from one provincial newspaper, requesting a message, were the words, "In just five weeks Christmas will be a reality—with trees glittering, lights twinkling and jollity prevailing."

Yes! Everywhere on this continent, and in one or two small countries in the British Commonwealth, But alas, in Europe and other countries there will be very little food—no Christmas fare, no presents and no merrymaking.

In wishing you all the happiest possible Christmas and New Year, we pray that the thought of others, less fortunate, will ever be uppermost in your hearts and that during the coming year—nay, years—you will seriously make sacrifices so that others may live.

The everlasting waste of food in this country has always appalled us—but in these grim days it does so even more. Please bear this in mind, always mindful of the words, "Give us this day our daily bread" and "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you" in the high hope that one day good will triumph over evil.

R. W. MAYHEW, M.P.  
I wish at this time to extend to all my sincere best wishes for the Christmas season and to express the wish that the year 1948 will bring peace, health and happiness to all.

Great and many are the problems facing this nation and the world today. The solution of these problems requires that Canadians, and the peoples of the world, demonstrate the

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sure that we all earnestly pray the future will hold for us fulfillment of that desire.

May I also express the wish to every British Columbian that this Christmas will be a truly joyous one and the New Year will hold for them great promise of prosperity, peace and contentment.

MAYOR PERCY GEORGE

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to extend to all citizens my best wishes for this Christmas season and health and happiness throughout 1948.

Premier JOHN HART

Despite the sacrifices made during six years of war, unrest and strife are still rampant in various parts of the world. Our leaders in international affairs have taxed their ingenuity to bring about a reconciliation between the warring factions.

Having in mind the existence of these disturbing conditions, as we approach Christmas I can only express the hope that the real message of this season will soon permeate the hearts of everyone.

We have long struggled for peace and as we celebrate this festive occasion and stand on the threshold of another year I am

let us then enter this Christmas season with thankful hearts and out of that thankfulness resolve that tolerance and understanding will henceforth be our watchwords.

Let us resolve that when we sing of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" we will use our best efforts to ensure that peace and goodwill come to the nations of the earth, realizing that this much-to-be-desired consummation

depends on our individual thoughts and actions.

I would suggest that "Peace and goodwill on earth" would quickly come if we exemplified the "Christmas spirit" of charity and kindness one to the other not only at Christmas time but each day after it until it comes again.

Again let me give you that old, old wish, "A Merry Christmas." HON. HERBERT ANSCOME

I am very glad to have the opportunity afforded me by the press to extend to my fellow citizens of British Columbia, who today number more than a million, my hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

While the world today is in a very difficult position everywhere because the spirit of peace and understanding between men and women all around the world is so little understood and respected, at least we can say in our own province, and in Canada, that we do understand and appreciate the tremendous benefits we have received on every hand—a nation that stands united from coast to coast although, perhaps, in many places with divergent views.

Nevertheless, I feel that we are all loyal to Canada, doing what we can for the good of this great country.

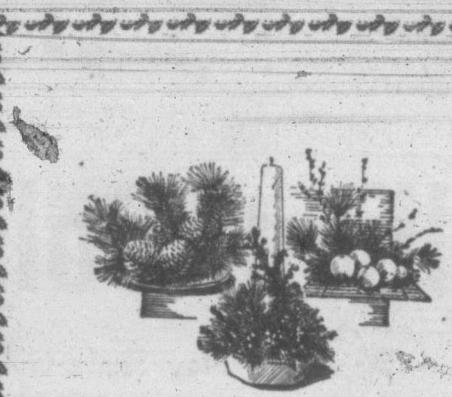
We have been and are prosperous beyond the dreams of the most optimistic, when we realize what is going on in other parts of the world and see the conditions in what used to be considered the cradle of civilization—Europe—where destruction and desolation now prevail.

I am satisfied that if the united effort is continued in British Columbia there is no limit to the prosperity and good that will come to us all.

FRANKFURT (AP)—A conference between British and United States military governors of Germany and the German political leaders of the British and American zones will be held in Frankfurt Jan. 7. It was learned Tuesday.

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## Film Star Denied New Kidnap Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Film actress Madge Meredith, convicted on charges of kidnapping and assaulting her former professional adviser, Nick Gianna, was denied a new trial Tuesday.

Her attorneys asked for probation, and the court will pass sentence Jan. 15.

Palid from a week in jail, she sat unmoved while the new trial motions for her and two co-defendants, Albert Tucker and Damon Klinkenberg, were argued and denied. Tucker and Klinkenberg also asked for probation.

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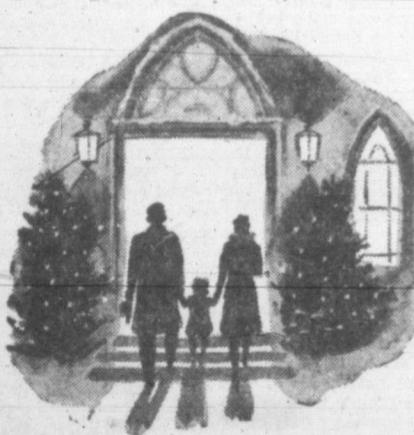
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## Wide Selection Of Entertainment In Victoria For Christmas Season

Because the Christmas season means something different to all kinds of people, there will be a choice of entertainment for Victoria families to celebrate during the next three days. Some will observe the holiday with a simple blessing at the dinner table while others will make merry at lavish parties from now until Sunday.

Report on brisk sale of turkeys indicates the family Christmas dinner at home still leads in popularity. Many eating places, however, are expecting a heavy rush. Most of the downtown restaurants which are staying open are nearly booked up with only a few time spots open for reservations.

The newly-opened Melody Lane restaurant is well booked for Christmas dinner there.

Christmas dinners will be served to patients in the Jubilee, St. Joseph's and D.V.A. hospitals. All three hospitals have been decorated and nurses are planning to go through the wards to night singing Christmas carols. Presents will be distributed to patients in the children's wards.

An unofficial source said visiting hours would be somewhat relaxed for patients whose health permits.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JAIL

Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will also be served to inmates at the city jail. "We are expecting from 10 to 12 in," the sergeant on duty at the desk said this morning.

The theatre are expecting no

great crowds tomorrow. The Famous Players and Odeon theatres will not be open until 3 p.m. Christmas afternoon.

There is a Christmas Eve dance at the Sirocco tonight with music by the Moe Men. Dinner dances will be held tonight at the Chez Marcel and Melody Lane.

Plenty of private parties have been arranged for tomorrow night but the only public dance is at Prince Robert House. On Boxing Day the big event will be the annual Snowball Frolic at the Empress Hotel, presented under the auspices of the Solarium Junior League. Len Acres' orchestra will provide the music for dancing. Charlie Hunt's orchestra will play at the dance to be held on Boxing Day at the Y.M.C.A.

## J.S. To Pull Troops From Air Bases To Panama Canal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is taking steps to withdraw all troops from the 14 defence bases which the Panama Republic has refused to lease to this country.

The State Department Tuesday announced the troops will be pulled out "as quickly as possible."

The United States will have to base the defence of the Panama Canal on facilities inside the 10-mile-wide Canal Zone.

The situation now apparently reverts to the status of Sept. 1, 1946, when Panama notified the United States that a 1942 agreement authorizing the leasing of Panama defence sites had expired.

The United States argued then that the 1942 agreement was effective until a year after the peace treaty with Japan had been signed. Panama contended the "one year after" clause meant a year after Gen. MacArthur's signing of the Japanese surrender.

The United States owns the Panama Canal Zone, which splits the Republic of Panama in two. The defence sites, including the big Rio Hato air base, are all on Panama soil.

There have been proposals in the past that the United States construct a canal through Nicaraguan territory.

The rejection, voted 51 to 0, touched off a wild celebration in Panama. Thousands of persons marched through the streets of

## Peiping Reinforces Mukden By Plane

PEIPING (AP) — The first airborne government reinforcements to reach Mukden since the Chinese Communists began their seventh offensive in Manchuria arrived today as fighting raged in a wide area around the besieged city.

Other troops of Gen. Fu Tsio-yi's command streamed north by land. National planes were transferred from China proper to join in the Manchurian battles.

Pro-government reports, possibly exaggerated, said more than 200,000 Reds were gathered at Simlin, Changwu and Faku-west, northwest and north of Mukden—in an attempt to overrun those gateway cities.

The government reported capture of Changku, near Kalyuan. It also said the Reds suffered setbacks in clashes around Sililit and Heishan, railway cities roughly 70 miles west of Mukden.

### Storm Warning

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Dominion public weather office here today issued a storm warning, saying southeast gales, 35 to 45 miles an hour, were expected today in Queen Charlotte Sound, Hecate Strait, along the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands, and Dixon Entrance, gradually decreasing tonight.



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## Truman Pardons

### 1,523 Violators Of War Draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christmas pardons by President Truman Tuesday restored citizenship rights to 1,523 persons convicted of violating the Wartime Draft Act. They included approximately 10,000 wilful violators, 4,300 Jehovah's Witnesses, 1,000 religious conscientious objectors, and 500 other types.

Most, if not all, of those affected have already served their sentences. The effect of the President's proclamation is

a blanket restoration of "political, civil and other rights."

The President acted on the recommendation of an amnesty board which he set up a year ago and which reviewed 15,805 cases.

Their report said that the 15,805 selective service violation cases considered included approximately 10,000 wilful violators, 4,300 Jehovah's Witnesses, 1,000 religious conscientious objectors, and 500 other types.

The list of those pardoned did not indicate in which class the board placed each individual.

**THE NOT A CANDIDATE**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has let it be known again that he "is not a candidate for political office."

The army chief of staff's office said Tuesday the statement of his position was contained in a letter signed by his aide, Col. J. H. Michaels, in reply to a letter from the National Council for Prevention of War.

The council's letter requested an expression from Eisenhower on the question of peace, and said that "You, in common with the announced candidates for the presidency, may welcome the opportunity of sending a brief message to the conference."



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### TIME TO TAKE STOCK

ONE OF THESE DAYS PERHAPS THE peoples of this troubled planet may ask themselves few plain questions. They may begin to wonder what they, as individuals, are doing toward bringing peace on earth and good will to all men. It may dawn upon them that little useful purpose is to be served by telling other people, governments, for instance, what they ought to do. At long last, they may suddenly understand that they, the questioners, are the government. "And what," they may be asking, "are we going to do about it?" If they succeed in bringing themselves to this state of introspection, a new hope will emerge.

Nothing in the foregoing exudes what is colloquially termed the Christmas spirit. Such an interpretation is not intended. We are being blunt with a purpose. Frothy rhetoric is waste of time and waste of space. We use these terms advisedly. So let us ask a question: How many people in this and other communities, in this and other lands, went down on their knees and prayed as they had never prayed before when it looked as if the last bastion of democracy in the North Atlantic—the British Isles—was about to fall? Here was a case of "The Devil was sick—the Devil a monk would be; the Devil was well—the Devil a monk was he." Surely none will cavil at this historic reference. It fits the case as we see it today.

The trouble with us in Canada is that our lines have been cast in too pleasant places. We lack imagination. We lack realism. So long as we get our three square meals a day we do not worry. What of the people in Britain? What of the people in those continental European states whose supply of foodstuffs is a cipher in the lexicon of nutritional values? What of the "black market" and all its sinister implications? These are potent questions. They have a direct relationship with the discontents and imponderables of these times. So why not try to answer them?

Down in San Francisco in the spring of 1945 the peoples of the world thought a new era was about to dawn. In the city by the Golden Gate were the representatives of nearly half a hundred nations, ready to dedicate their governments and their peoples to the cause of a lasting peace under law. The first plenary session on April 25, of that year encouraged all of us who were privileged to be present. Surely, we thought, the birthpangs of this new adventure into the realm of human desire would be of but a temporary nature. None thought the delicate instruments of international diplomacy would be required later on to deliver the child of universal hope.

So much has gone down on the scroll of history. Nation again is pitted against nation. The west finds itself in conflict with the east; and it is here that the peace-loving peoples of the world must bring themselves into the mood for asking questions. And this we say, not because we despair of a popular capacity to maintain a sane balance between the extremes of ideological concepts, but because we are fearful lest there be a dangerous decline in the quality of the perspective of the "little people" of the world who have suffered most.

Notwithstanding the gloomy outlook which some may detect in the foregoing recital of historical fact and current conjecture, irrespective of the signs and portents that day-to-day dispatches may impart to the world scene as the average man and woman in the street sees it, it must be said that, at long last, citizens of the world at large are beginning to realize their responsibilities. In this realization resides the hope that the traditional Yuletide message in the years to come will have a substantial meaning.

### GETTING TOGETHER

BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF the year it may be assumed that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb will have found common ground on which to solidify the coalition system of government—that Mr. Hart and Mr. Maitland established a truce more than six years ago. The leader of the provincial Liberal Party and the leader of the Conservative Party at that time realized that the Socialist elements under the leadership of Mr. Harold Winch would find no great difficulty in winning a victory in a vote on any major issue in the Legislature if ancient jealousies were allowed to prevail.

To be sure, the marriage of political convenience consummated in December, 1941, did not appeal particularly to the old-time Liberal partisan any more than it did to the Conservative old-time partisan. But it did not take long for even extremist elements in the two major parties to realize that unless they buried their spurious antipathies it would not be long before the ultra left-wingers would take control of the conduct of the business of the Province of British Columbia. And, at the risk of repeating ourselves, we suggest that the political situation which presented itself after the provincial general election of 1941, is practically on a par with that which Mr. Hart's resignation as the head of the Coali-

tion government has recently emphasized to the electorate.

How far negotiations for the re-establishment of a new administration have proceeded between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb we do not know. We do not know to what extent the newly-elected leader of the Provincial Liberal Party and the leader of the Provincial Conservative Party have progressed in their deliberations as to whether the distribution of cabinet portfolios shall remain as it was in the administration over which Mr. Hart presided. But it is nevertheless no secret that Mr. Anscomb, by virtue of the statement emanating from the provincial Progressive Conservative Association's meeting in Vancouver last October, let it be inferred that, on his retirement, Mr. Hart should advise the Lieutenant-Governor to call upon Mr. Anscomb to form a new government. It was made plain that to conform with what the member for Oak Bay called a "true partnership" there also should be an equal division of portfolios.

It would be futile to enter into a dissertation on these and other aspects of the difficulties with which Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb are confronted. What can be said without equivocation, on the other hand, is that the people of British Columbia will tolerate no jockeying for political position which may endanger the system of government upon which the political and economic stability of this province so vitally depends. And while there is no disposition to tell either Mr. Johnson or Mr. Anscomb to move precipitately toward arrangements for the revival of the Coalition which the electorate demands, every intelligent supporter of the principle of good government, as differentiated from the philosophy of the "planners," will hope that they will be able quickly to solve those intra-party problems in which the populace is not particularly interested.

What our people desire more than anything else at this stage is that the men and women in control of their affairs at the Parliament Buildings get down to business and throw into the discard those petty political differences which were allowed to cut little ice after the inauguration of the Hart-Maitland arrangement six years ago.

### HELMETS AND TOMMY-GUNS

THE RELATIVELY FEW PILGRIMS participating in the annual religious observances in Bethlehem this year will walk the road home tonight between helmeted soldiers with tommy-guns at the ready "to prevent political murder from marring Christendom's holiest day," we are informed by the press dispatch from the Holy Land. Such is the commentary on the times in which we live that this period of the year specifically dedicated to peace on earth and good will to all men is stigmatized by an incongruous show of arms.

The condition arises from the flaws of human character which have permitted hatred and misunderstanding to rob mankind of at least the external appearances of that hope which finds expression in the traditional Christmas wish. It is deeply shocking to contemplate the implications of the situation revealed in all its harsh realism in Jerusalem today. A great ideal is tarnished. Yet the event should not become a weapon for sterile cynicism. Surely it furnishes the challenge that is required to revitalise that spirit of faith in humanity for which this Christian ceremony stands.

Such is the commentary on the times in

## Two Christmases

CHRISTMAS AT HOME. In those three words were tied up the longing and ambition of millions during the war, the satisfaction and achievement of similar millions in peacetime. In such comfortable and familiar surroundings today, one looks back to other Christmases, not so comfortable, not so familiar:

DEC. 25, 1939. The morning was cloudy but visibility was fairly good, and the choppy waves of the grey sea seemed to stretch away to infinity. It was a strange, un-Christmaslike day that came upon us, ploughing westward a few hours out of Milford Haven toward the rendezvous in the North Atlantic where we would join other members of the convoy. We were coming out "light ship," and the freighter rode high in the water as she crushed her way through the leaden waves, leaving a track of churning green foam in her wake. It was the first Christmas of the war.

THERE WAS LITTLE to be seen in the ship at first glance which would make this Atlantic crossing different from one in peacetime. But the portholes were blacked out, tell-tale flotsam was thrown overboard only in the dead of night, and mounted in the stern, near the cans that would be dumped overboard to generate a smoke-screen in case of need, was a businesslike gun. It was hardly the setting for the Christmas spirit, but still it was better than some yet to come.

In the forenoon the Captain called the gun crew aft and had them fire the customary three shells to test the gun. The armament was little enough protection against the submarines that already were on the prowl through the Atlantic lifelines. One or two of the lads had had a brief gunnery course while waiting for the ship to sail. The rest filled in as best they could. An elderly marine allocated to the merchant service added a professional touch.

THE SHIP THUMPED ON. The day cleared slightly, and by lunch time the thin winter sun had put in an appearance.

Christmas made a strained instinctive effort in the dining saloon, like the convulsive twitching of badly wounded man. A can of beer appeared at each place, a bottle of wine was opened and a toast was drunk. Traditional turkey formed the main course. There was a joke or two, Christmases ashore were recalled, the meal was finished and the officers escaped to their quarters. It was not so much the wartime strain that stilled the Yuletide feeling. This was a meal with men who had eaten a thousand meals together. They knew each other's looks and thoughts and words as well as they knew their own—and they wanted no more of them than they had to endure.

AS THE AFTERNOON waned we joined the convoy. Forty ships of varying sizes and shapes were assembled for security in a vast checkerboard pattern. Forty ships—a unit in an immensity of sea and sky, but each component a little world of its own, a tiny universe of men and warmth and light, battened down behind steel walls against the cold and dark of the Atlantic night and the ever-present danger of enemy attack; each one a minute corpuscle of life in all that tossing blackness. The vessels pointed their stubby bows westward into the gathering murk. A stiffer wind sprang up and a light drizzle began to fall. The lookouts sharpened their straining stare.

CHRISTMAS DAY was over.

DEC. 25, 1940. The clouds were high over London that Christmas Day—light grey clouds that did not keep out the diffused brightness of the sun. The barrage balloons floated in a lazy, peaceful way which belied their grim purpose, the light gleaming on their silvery envelopes. The city was quiet, its 8,000,000 besieged inhabitants spending the holiday in their homes, or strolling out for a pleasant hour in the parks and squares. Church bells—from those edifices which still had their towers intact—rang out their seasonal message, echoing over the roof-tops and bringing a soothing benediction to the burned-out desolation of the bombed patches. The first winter of the blitz had already imposed its scars.

CHRISTMAS DAY was over.

THESE HAD BEEN much speculation as to whether the Luftwaffe would pay its almost daily and nightly visits to London on Christmas. But the daylight hours passed without a sound from the air raid sirens dotted all over the metropolis. The guns were silent. No faint drone of aircraft, no wailing whistle of bombs, no sickening crash of explosion and falling debris marred the serene air. As evening drew on, the few pedestrians disappeared from the streets. Behind millions of shattered window panes, curtained and painted to prevent the faintest beam of light from escaping into the wintry gloom, London's families gathered around table or hearth to spend their Christmas evening. But there were tragic gaps in many family circles.

WITH STORIES and games, and the food and drink which had not yet become too scarce, the evening hours passed quickly.

For a while the omnipresent war was forgotten, the things of peace took over, and the term "merry" became more than just an adjective. Then out into the dark again, through the deserted, silent streets, guests' footfalls echoed from the bricks and cobbles as they made their way homeward. Four nights from then the whole sky was to be aglow with orange light, as a dozen city blocks around St. Paul's went up in flames from a fire raid. But on this night it was quiet. The city slept its watchful sleep and the spirit of the Season held sway.—B.A.T.

## A Merry Christmas To All



## Santa Claus—World Citizen

Information Service

TOMORROW, the world may

be as close to "One World"

as it will ever get. Santa Claus may be North American to us, but he is San Nicolas, Knecht Clebes, Bonhomme Noel and a raft of other people to the rest of the world. There are no political polities or boundaries in his book.

Santa, says the Encyclopedia Americana, is the spirit and legend of a man who lived 1,600 years ago. It is the tale of his wondrous generosity and fine humanity. Briefly, it is the story of Saint Nicholas, archbishop of

the church of Myra, in Asia Minor, around 300 A.D.

Perhaps is his protectorate over children which has moved him from Saint Nicholas' Day—

still celebrated in the Low Countries on December 6—up to coincide with the birthday of Christ, or perhaps it is the spirit of generosity and humanity taught so well by one and practised so fully by the other. The spirit of Saint Nicholas keeps Santa a busy man. It is a year around job, for he is the patron saint of children, scholars and sailors.

There are no strings on

Santa's Christmas visits either, reports the Americana. Little French farm children get their presents in wooden sabot, but a well-shined leather shoe, a special porcelain shoo, or an ordinary pan will draw him just as quickly. And the place matters not, a corner of a room, the foot of the bed, or behind a door seems just as good as the fireplace mantel. Radar is worthless compared to Santa's all-seeing eye, for a spirit can be everywhere at once, pulling together the shattered pieces of this world as surely as a magnet draws a compass.

## The Christmas Truce

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

THOSE WHO CAN remember

the First World War will recall that the Allied and German fronts on the Western Front declared an unofficial and spontaneous truce at Christmas. Soldiers of both sides came out of their trenches and joined in singing the carols that they knew and loved. The words were in different languages, but the tunes and sentiments were the same.

Christmas brings such a truce each year, though in less dramatic fashion, to most people of the Christian world. On that day we lay aside bitterness and animosity. Families find a bond of warmer affection. Children are indulged and enjoyed. Good wishes to neighbours and friends are hearty and sincere.

Whatever our politics, we are inclined to be interested in the Christmas of the heads of government, and to hope that it is a happy one.

### CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christian spirit.

We are reminded that this great holiday of Christendom not only celebrates the birth of Jesus, but the birth of a philosophy of love, peace, tolerance and moral courage, of respect and fair dealing.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries, to live by this philosophy—to keep the Christmas spirit the year round. It is not an easy task, as the results have shown. And somehow it seems particularly hard today. There are provocations and anxieties that beset us as people and as nations of the Christian world. We grow angry and uncharitable, as people and as nations, through pride, selfishness, weariness and fear.

Maybe it is not possible to keep the Christian spirit every day. Yet to keep even a little of this truce of mental hostilities would help. That truce is not and should not be a surrender of convictions. But it would surely help to create more individual happiness, and that in turn could scarcely fail to make a somewhat happier world.

CLIPPED at RANDOM

### PRACTICAL EDUCATION

London (Ont.) Free Press

Education is a matter of text books, courses, methods and example, of which example is the most persuasive. It may well be that the Marshall Plan—if we make a success of it—will prove the best sort of postwar education. Food, clothing, fuel and personal help, these may have to be our first approach to the education of the children of Europe. Exhortation and homily and expressions of high ideals are excellent performances but bread and milk and blankets are the things of life. You cannot re-educate a dead child.

### TIME TO FORGET

Washington Post

On Friday a tiny item appeared in our news columns which must have stirred our readers' memories. It merely related that the Finns had made their usual half-year payment on their "war" debt. Gallant little Finland! The country that believes in living up to its obligations! This is the twenty-fourth year in which the money has been forthcoming. Hasn't the time arrived to let bygones be bygones, including the debt, and with further payments to do something tangible in Finland's behalf to show that in America's opinion the obligation has been more than honorably discharged?

### END OF THE ROPE

Montreal Star

The National Dairy Council's somewhat acid comment that the remedy against higher prices "remains in the hands of the consumer" is not likely to endear a policy of out-and-out prohibition of the importation, manufacture or use of a butter substitute for the protection of a single industry to a harassed public which is about at the end of its patience.

The council may be right in its misgivings about the effect of much higher prices on the long-term interests of the dairy industry. There is a limit to public patience and in this matter of the prohibition of margarine it has, we should say, been reached.

## Oxford—City Of Learning

By ELIZABETH RICHMOND

THE Music Room at Oxford, oldest music room in Europe, has reverted recently to its ancient use as the home of the University Musical Club. Built in 1748, it is a simple stone building in Hollywell Street, one of the most famous thoroughfares in this city of learning.

For more than 700 years Oxford has trained statesmen, lawmakers, preachers, writers and empire-builders. Spend a few

days exploring Oxford, seeing its mellow towers, domes, spires, its green lawns, fine gardens and ancient byways, and you feel somehow in touch with the past. Time has not spoilt this city of learning, and its grey-gold walls, its sculpture, and its gateways leading to peaceful, lovely quadrangles, have not changed for hundreds of years. For seven centuries Oxford has been building colleges and from the 13th to the 17th centuries only three or four times did a generation pass without a new one being built. University College, the poet Shelley spent his wildest year and today there is a beautiful marble memorial to him in its quadrangle.

### IMPRESSIVE GATES

The most impressive sight at Balliol is the great oak gates made about 650 years ago by a group of English carpenters. Balliol's charming gardens are unforgettable. Visitors' pilgrimages often begin at Magdalen Bridge—which runs across the River Cherwell, and extends to the foot of the

far-famed Magdalen Tower and into the winding High. The High, by the way, is Oxford's most important street which leads to the corner called Carfax, where four streets meet like the points of a compass. Facing Carfax is an ancient tower, all that is left of the lost medieval church of St. Martin which Shakespeare knew, and close by at No. 3, Cormarcket, is a room in which Shakespeare slept.

### Decently Buried

Ottawa Citizen

The proposed Gouzenko film holds up before the world the disloyalty of Canadians who were bound by the positions of trust they held not to reveal the secrets entrusted to them.

It is that which is the disgrace—not the actions of a few foreign spies. And just because it is disgraceful, it should not be perpetuated on a million moving-picture screens throughout the world. The guilty have been punished; the innocent acquitted; the wretched episode should be buried in a decent oblivion.

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WAS the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced through their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the windows I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.  
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prance! now, Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away, all!  
So up to the housetops the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too!

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry.  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face, and a round little belly,  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and jolly—a right jolly old elf—  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of himself.  
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,  
And laying a finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;  
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,

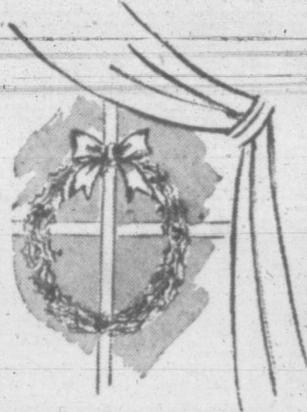


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## Victoria Shares In Carol Singing Revival

By HUMPHREY DAVY

Carol singing at Christmastide, a custom dating back to early Christian times, is experiencing this year a revival on a scale never seen before in Victoria and the United States.

As evidence of the growing popularity for carols and Christmas hymns, this year saw an increasing number of school choral groups and glee clubs taking part in the annual Christmas festival last week. The event was the biggest one of its kind ever held in this city.

Social clubs as well have been organizing choral groups for their own amusement and entertainment.

Most striking feature of the revival, however, is the number of children who have been wandering the city streets serenading householders in the hopes of earning some extra pocket money for Christmas shopping. Some of these young singers have displayed a shy disposition, some show they have carefully rehearsed. Others, have incurred the wrath of householders by their boldness and forwardness.

Right or wrong, these children are following an old tradition that was, and is still practiced in parts of England and Europe. Records show that at Christmastide, carol singing was particularly popular in Yorkshire and Devonshire. The carolers later pooled their gratuities.

Some organizations for girls have put carol singing to a better use by singing to patients in hospitals and in institutions for the old. The Fourth West Cathedral Girl Guides, under the direction of Guide Capt. Doris Lancaster, sang carols on Monday to patients in St. Joseph's Hospital. The First Victoria Brownie pack sang at the Old Ladies' Home. These Brownies have been following this practice for years.

Looking back through the years, carol singing seemed to have been enjoyed by Victorians when the province was but a colony. Edgar Fawcett in his book "Some Reminiscence of Old Victoria," recalls large crowds in the early sixties attended midnight mass at the Roman Catholic Church on Humboldt Street to hear the music. On the following



Hospital patients at St. Joseph's Hospital got the Christmas atmosphere when the Fourth West Cathedral Girl Guides entertained them with carols on Monday.

morning, everybody went to the Anglican church to hear the choir sing Christmas carols.

### INTRODUCED HERE BY SOLDIERS

Serenading Christmas carols in the streets appears to have been introduced in the province in 1860 by the Royal Engineers. There is certainly no record of this being done before this time. The engineers, fresh from Britain, are reported to have gone out in groups serenading friends and householders thus probably introducing this English custom to the province.

Street caroling originated with the Waits, which is another word for watchmen, who were responsible for patrolling the streets of London. Towards the end of the 18th century and the early part of the 19th century, the Waits appear to have arrogated themselves to the right to serenade householders at Christmas. They wore a special uniform of blue gowns with red sleeves and caps, and wore a

silver collar or chain around the neck. On Boxing Day they used to call on householders to receive gratuities for their tunefulness.

In 1820 their place as guardians of the city's safety was taken over by police. From then on it was left for private individuals to keep up the custom.

In Santa Barbara today it is the custom each year for bands of singers to dress in flowing red capes and peaked hoods and to go about the streets reviving the old English custom.

In eastern Canada serenading householders on Christmas Eve is much more popular than on the West Coast. In Old Quebec employers and employees band themselves into choral groups and visit business offices. Money is collected and donated to charity.

### ORIGINATED IN ITALY

Christmas carols have been sung from very early Christian times. The true carol seemed to have originated in Italy and became popular under the influence of Francis of Assisi. From there the singing of special Christmas music spread through Europe.

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## 300 Attend Party At Esquimalt Centre

Nearly 300 persons—adults, teen-agers and children—turned out to the Christmas party and dance held Monday night at the Esquimalt Community Centre, 1123 Colville Road.

The children's party commenced at 7 with each child being given a bottle of pop by Santa Claus. Entertainment was provided by Able Seamen Neil Cave and Allan Colter and by a variety show team under the direction of Mrs. Fred Farrow, which included Ann and Jean Robertson, Eleanor Peterson, Shirley Fulton, Wayne Farrow, Pat and Nora Cerney.

Before the start of the dance at 9:45 a brief address was given by Esquimalt Reeve Bert Thomas. AB. Cave acted as master of ceremonies for the dance. Fourteen prizes were awarded those in attendance during the evening.

The Esquimalt Community Centre operates as an agency of the Community Chest. It is directed by Mrs. Edith Brindley.

## Move Patients At St. Joseph's

Christmas week is also moving week for 62 patients at St. Joseph's Hospital, and the evacuation of the top floor of the Collinson Street wing of the hospital started Monday.

By Tuesday 32 patients had been moved to new quarters in the converted army huts, where they will be housed until the addition to the Collinson Street wing is completed Sister Superior said. There will be 62 beds, mainly women's medical wards and Indian children's ward, in the converted huts.

The large wards in the two converted huts are bright and airy, and they are joined by a covered hallway to the main building of the hospital. Sister Superior said approximately \$35,000 had been spent in the conversion.

Work is progressing in the construction of the new diet kitchen and will shortly be started on the Collinson Street addition.



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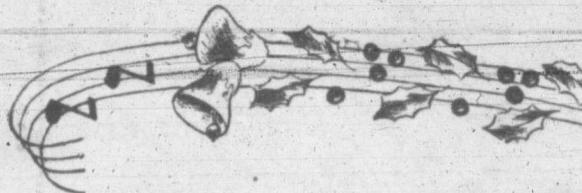
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Marcia, Diane and Carol, left to right, the small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Wiper, Estevan Avenue, will hang their stockings up tonight, just as hundreds of other lucky little boys and girls in Victoria will do. Christmas morning those stockings will be loaded with goodies.

## Family Dinner Parties On Christmas Day

Christmas Day dinner parties will include that of Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart, who plan to dine with a few old friends at the Empress Hotel. Mayor Percy E. George and Mrs. George will dine with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George and their small granddaughters, Jean, at their Flinlayson Avenue home. Other guests will be Mr. Warren George and

Miss Jean Royleane. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew will have them for Christmas dinner their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Mayhew, with Robin, Marilyn and Ramie-Jean; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawson and Vicki, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Cameron with Anne and Alan. Miss Edna Inglis of Ottawa will also be a guest.

Brig. J. Sutherland-Brown and Mrs. Brown will have Brig. W. C. Thackray and Mrs. Thackray and their son Bill, also Brig. G. A. McCarter and Mrs. McCarter and their son Doug, as guests at their Bowker Place home for Christmas dinner. Mr. Athol Sutherland-Brown has come from Vancouver to spend the holiday season with his parents.

A Christmas party that promises much in the way of enjoyment is the progressive dinner planned by members of the Ker family. Commencing at the home of Capt. J. C. Hibbard and Mrs. Hibbard, the party will go on to the Shasta Place home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Ker, from there to the home of Col. and Mrs. R. W. Braide on Despard Avenue and then to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nation on Cadboro Bay Road. Other members of the family in the party will be Col. and Mrs. B. Russell Ker and Miss June Ker, Dick and Bill Hibbard, Mr. David Ker and Miss Elspeth Ker, Mr. David Braide and Miss Penelope Braide, Mr. and Mrs. George Nation and Miss Barbara Nation.

## Many Hosts, Hostesses On Boxing Day

Boxing Day is traditionally a day for entertaining friends. This year a gay round of parties has been planned by many hosts and hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. "Bill" Dillabough have invited friends to their Burdick Street home from 2 until 6; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Walwright will entertain at a morning egg-nogg party on Boxing Day morning and Maj. and Mrs. J. C. MacDonald will be after-five hosts at their Topp Avenue home. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. B. Berger have invited friends to a cocktail party at the Union Club, and Lt. Cmdr. H. R. Tingley and Mrs. Tingley will entertain at their home on Grafton Street.

Capt. (E) A. C. M. Davy, O.B.E., R.C.N., and Mrs. Davy are entertaining on Boxing Day at their home, H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, in honor of their son, R. Thomas Davy.

Mrs. H. C. Kinghorn will be a tea hour hostess on Boxing Day at the Empress Hotel. Covers will be laid for nine.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Bonnell of Vancouver are spending the holiday season in the city and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. John Motherwell arrived Monday from Calgary to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Motherwell, Foul Bay Road.

Miss Betsy DeBeck and Mr. Fred DeBeck have arrived from Vancouver to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. DeBeck, 2830 Somass Drive.

Mr. Wilson Melville, a student at the University of British Columbia, plans to arrive in Victoria Christmas morning to spend the holidays with his parents, Major and Mrs. W. W. Melville, Sea View Road.

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two days ago and the air time for the flight was just over 20 hours. Before going to Nassau as accountant in the Royal Bank Mr. Stursberg worked with the Government Street branch here.

Miss Edna Inglis of Ottawa is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew at their Beach Drive home. Miss Inglis is vice-president, Association of Canadian Clubs, and president of the Ottawa Women's Press Club.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Newall of Portoland will arrive in Victoria Christmas morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Newall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reid, Quebec Street.

Among those who will spend the Christmas holidays in the pleasant surroundings of Harrison Hot Springs Hotel are Capt. and Mrs. Masey Goolden of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Kenoop, Miss J. T. Ramsey and Mrs. Arthur W. Harvey.

Miss Louise Naysmith celebrated her birthday yesterday evening with a supper party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Naysmith, 2947 Shelbourne. Guests included her grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Tudor, Pat, McKinnon, Pat Sullivan, Heather MacGillivray, Joan Wooton, Audrey Wright, Marjorie and Beverly Knowell and Marilyn Naysmith.

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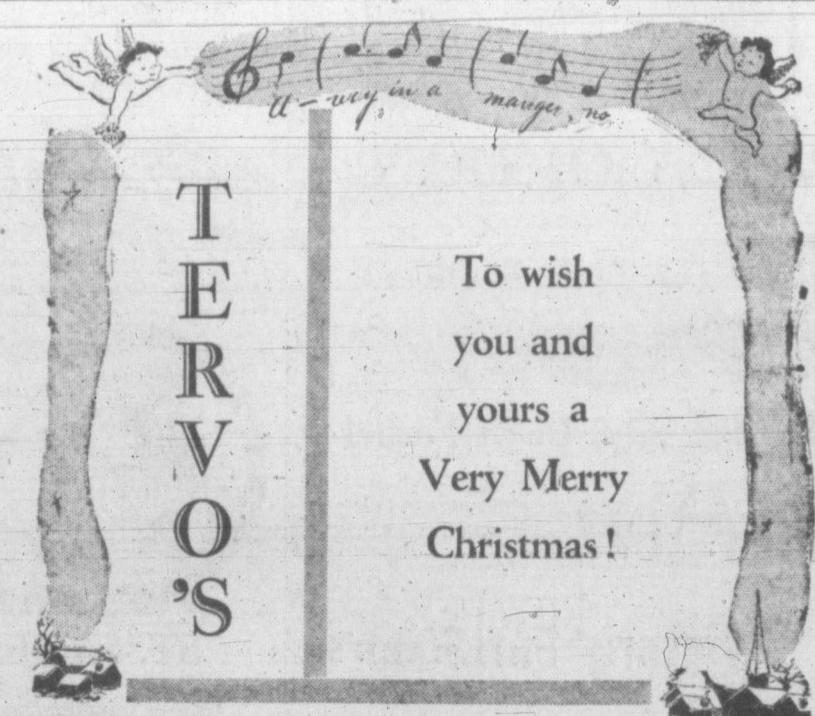
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## Clubwomen's News

**Officers Elected**—At the regular meeting of South Saanich Women's Institute Mrs. W. McNally was elected president, and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell vice-president. Secretary for the coming year will be Mrs. J. Patterson and Mrs. A. Hafer will be treasurer. Mrs. H. Facy was elected director. Reports were given of the year's work and of a successful card party held jointly with the Farmers' Institute. It was decided to resume fortnightly card parties beginning Jan. 9. At the conclusion of the meeting, members enjoyed a Christmas party, and Mrs. A. Sutherland, retiring president, was presented with a gift and best wishes of the members.

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## Wrapping Parcels Part Of Christmas Fun



Young Val Cadillac, left, and her two-year-old sister, Judy, have an exciting time helping their mother wrap up last-minute parcels to place under the Christmas tree. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Cadillac, 942 Newport Avenue.

## Icicle Frolic

An Icicle Frolic was held in the Community Hall, Lake Cowichan, last Saturday night, sponsored by the Lahome Girls' Drill team. Penguins and reindeer decorated the walls with greenery and

frosted boughs adding the winter touch to scene. Giant bells covered the lights and a huge Christmas tree completed the effect. During the evening, balloons were released for the dancers. A sitdown supper was served in the dining-room.



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## Parties Arranged Boxing Day Precede Snowball Frolic

Boxing Day means "Snow Ball" for a great many Victorians who are planning to attend the annual dance, which is always a major social event during the Christmas season, and is sponsored this year by the Solarium Junior League.

Several parties have been arranged to precede the dance.

Members of the committee, of which Mrs. Graham Harris is convener, and their friends plan to meet at the Empress Hotel before the ball. In the party will be Mr. and Mrs. Graham Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. George Wellburn, Mr. and Mrs. V. DiCastri, Mrs. D. McMaster, Miss Peggy Wharton, Mr. R. McCartney and Mr. E. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lund are entertaining at a cocktail party before the ball, when their guests

will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halkett, Miss Day Murray, Miss Margaret Angus, Mr. Gordon Whiting, Mr. Cap Thorsen and Mr. Humphrey Davy.

Another pre-dance cocktail party is arranged by Mrs. Daphne Scott and Mrs. Joanne Fairweather, whose guests will be Mr. and Mrs. B. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fulthorpe, Miss Loraine Powers, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. Pat Russell and Mr. G. Wilkinson.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann will be Miss Gwen Mann, Miss Joan Saul, Mr. Jack Smith and Mr. Alex Crouch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tomilinson are also entertaining a few friends, including Mr. and Mrs. W. Fell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Godfrey, and at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Monk will be Mr. and Mrs. C. Mudge, Miss Pat Dalby and Mr. Harold Bonner.

A Christmas party with all the trimmings, including crackers, large balloons for each guest to take home, party games, and moving pictures of Mickey Mouse was given by Mrs. B. H. Barry for her daughter Marcia, at her St. Patrick Street home Monday afternoon. Guests included Lynn Archer, Joanne Kelly, Donna Atkins, Wendy Lane, David and Paul Kendrick, Allan Cole, Walter and Robbie Grant, Jimmy Hall and Ronny Waterman.

But officials in charge of the girls, who work in the traffic division and are responsible for seeing that passengers board the right planes at London Airport, insisted the instructions are "reasonable."

The girls also have been told they must not be seen without uniform hats while at work.

As the issue appeared deadlocked, an official of American Overseas Airlines injected a discretionary word. He said A.O.A. girls are restricted to perfume "which is not of an offensive odor."

**Christmas Party**—The Christmas party of Xi Chapter Beta Sigma Phi was held in the attractively-decorated rooms of Uplands Golf clubhouse. Forty couples danced to the music of Len Johnston's orchestra, and at the close of the evening refreshments were served. Miss Irene Scott, convener of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements.

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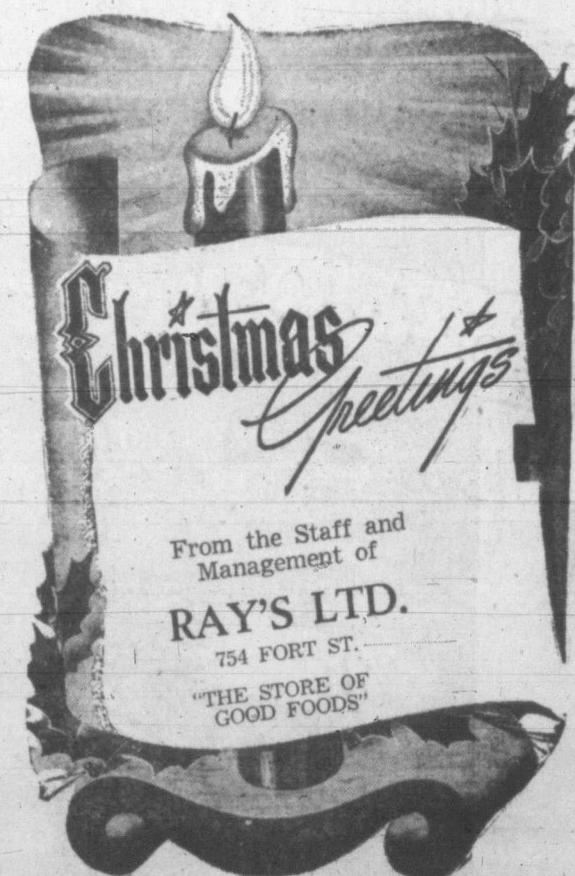
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## Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Despard Avenue, will be at home to friends Christmas Day.

Miss Bunty McKay is flying from Vancouver this evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKay, 24 Olympia Avenue.

Recently returned to their Joan Crescent home are Mr. J. C. Thow, manager Canadian Bank of Commerce in Victoria, and Mrs. Thow, who have been attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto. During their three-week trip, Mr. and Mrs. Thow spent a few days in Ottawa, visiting friends.

Miss Ilace Roskelley will be a tea-hour hostess Saturday at the Empress Hotel to honor three college friends, home for the holidays, Miss Margaret Hodson and Miss Mary Paterson, University of British Columbia, and Miss Pat Schofield of the University of Washington. Other guests will be Miss Joan Gonnason, Miss Dorothy Wills, Miss Mary Gib, Miss Ruth Gray, Miss Doreen Knott, Miss Gerry Miles and Miss Mildred Cox.

Following an absence of 12 years, Miss Alice Carey has returned to Victoria to spend Christmas and New Year with her mother, Mrs. E. G. Carey, 1693 Chandler Avenue. Miss Carey intends to remain in the city for at least six months.

Christmas Eve will find Mr.

and Mrs. A. Victor Clarke in Chemainus where they will be guests of Mrs. Clarke's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Bryant, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke will return to their home, 321 Moss Street, following the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunderdale will have as guests at their Carey Road home Mrs. Dunderdale's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardner of Spuzzum, B.C., and her brother, Mr. John Devilip of Vancouver, for the Christmas holidays. Another sister, Mrs. J. C. McEachern, with her husband and son, returned to their home in Vancouver Monday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dunderdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin V. Harbord entertained the staff of Harbord Insurance Ltd. and their wives at a cocktail party and dinner in the private dining-room of Oak Bay Beach Hotel, when special guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hogg, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed later in the evening at the Century Room of Melody Lane Restaurant.

Mr. W. Charles Cooper, who is studying for his Ph.D. at Princeton University, and Mr. Norman R. Cooper, a student in aeronautical maintenance engineering at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, East St. Louis, Illinois, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, 251 Government Street.

Miss Mavis Barnes was a hostess recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Barnes, Hollywood Crescent, at a Christmas tea in honor of Miss Marjorie Wilcox who is to be married soon. Rooms were decorated in the Christmas motif and the gifts arranged under a decorated tree. Afternoon tea was served from a table centred with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums. Guests were Daphne Collins, Lillian Lidstone, Shirley Bowers, Sheila Watson, Sheila Young, Marcia Boyce, Marian Gibbs, Margot King, Pam Major, Pat George, Anne Becket, Mavis Jones, Marie Blake, Verle Leith, Diana Arnot and Thirrell Lipsey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hood with their sons, Bruce and Alan, have arrived in the city from San Francisco to spend the Christmas season with Mr. Hood's parents, Rev. and Mrs. James Hood, 463 Grafton Street, Esquimalt. On Sunday morning, Rev. James Hood will preach his farewell sermon, on the eve of his retirement, having completed 50 years of active ministry. On the fol-

## In Step With Style

New Emphasis—This season emphasis is placed on the new neckline—billowy collars, stand-up collars, ruffled effects, which are part of the latest suit and dress styles. To match, floral artists have designed corsage bouquets to play up the new neckline and found new places to put them. Instead of hewing to the traditional left shoulder, corsage bouquets are switched to the right, even put squarely on top of the shoulder as an epaulet

or hug the neck, or are posed pertly under the chin.

Spanish mantilla-type silk lace squares, handmade in France before the war, have been imported by Bloch Freres just in time for fall distribution. Carried as kerchiefs or worn as coiffure coverage, these fragile beauties of black or white incite an ultra-feminine mood in evening accessories. In many of the finer specialty stores mantillas of black Alencon lace have been matched with long mitts, fashioned with a pointed tip over the hand and extending far above the elbow. Black sequins or jet beads frequently highlight the delicate lace design and add glittering formality.

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The lodestone is a group of five public houses spaced around the intersection of Long Acre and Bow Street—licensed to sell spirits between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., the middle of the working day for the porters, buyers and salesmen who work in the market.

In theory a publican may not serve any person whose work is not connected with Covent Garden, but in practice the bartenders will pull a friendly beer for any late passer-by who still seems relatively sober.

If he wanted to tell the difference between a prosperously-dressed fruit-buyer and a City broker en route to the exchange, it would be simple. Covent Garden drinkers have a rhyming slang all their own:

Half a cup of tea is a mixture of rum and scotch—at favorite brew; salmon and trout is stout; Bay of Biscay is whisky; thimble and thum, rum; Ver Lynn (radio entertainer), is gin; Daily Mail, ale; Lancashire lass, bass; apple fritter, bitter (beer); rose and crown, brown (ale); merry and bright, light (ale).

Finally the market man calls for an old frog and toad—one for the road.

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The whole market covers about 10 acres, 7½ of which, including the site and building of the Royal Opera House, belongs to Covent Garden Properties and is estimated worth £2,675,000 (\$10,700,000). About 160 wholesalers have stands and shops in the district and about 3,000 porters and traders work there daily.

The ancient byways which cover ground once part of the "Convent Garden" of Westminster Abbey are jammed during business hours by slow-moving trucks and horse-drawn wagons, piled perilously high with fruit and vegetables. Drivers exchange good-humored but strenuously blasphemous oaths as they squeeze through tiny spaces.

Over the whole scene hangs a rich stench of old sacking, onions, an occasional rotting potato and human sweat—relieved here and there by a whiff of rose blossoms or gardenias.

**British Miners Again  
Near Prewar Output**

LONDON (Reuters)—British coal miners won another victory in the battle to regain prewar output totals last week when they produced 4,400,600 tons of coal, the highest weekly total since July, 1940.

It was the ninth week the miners had topped the 4,000,000-ton mark, and it left only 2,156,100 tons of coal to be mined to reach the National Coal Board's new target of 196,000,000 tons for the 52 weeks ending Dec. 31. Christmas holidays, however, were expected to reduce this week's output

## Insincerity Blocking Road To Peace, Says Pope In Broadcast

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius, in his annual Christmas message, declared today that a "policy of insincerity" among nations was blocking the path to peace and called for a "league of honest men" to safeguard the world against war.

The Pontiff specifically blamed a growing tendency toward insincerity for collapse of the recent Foreign Ministers' conference in London, which he said had left the world "further than ever from the true peace."

He sharply condemned those countries which, he said, had adopted "the lie and the garbled word" as "accepted weapons of offensive" in an effort to win at any cost the battle of class interest and theories, of ideologies and power politics.

## NO NAMES MENTIONED

The Pontiff named no names in placing the blame for the present state of world affairs, but his 4,400-word address contained many passages which western listeners, at least, interpreted as condemnation of communism and of the postwar policies of the Soviet Union.

The Pope spoke for 38 minutes from his apartment in the Apostolic Palace and his address was broadcast to the world by the Vatican radio and Italian stations. It is being rebroadcast in 12 languages today and tomorrow.

Despite a cold, which forced him to cancel the traditional ceremony of receiving Christmas greetings from the College of Cardinals, the Pontiff was in good voice as he delivered—for the second successive year—a strong appeal for peace and an attack on the men and policies obstructing its achievement.

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## Junior Chamber Gives Party At Orphans' Home



## Seek To Prevent War Crimes Trials

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal court action will be sought by a Hayward, Calif., law firm to halt the Nuremberg war crimes trials as a "farce" and a "waste of the taxpayers' money," John J. Purchio, a member of the firm, said here.

Purchio returned here by plane from Germany, where he and another associate of the firm—Foley and Carroll—represented defendants in several U.S. Army courts-martial.

He said Carroll will return shortly and that the two will go to Washington to file a writ of prohibition against the Nuremberg trials. The firm also will seek a Senate investigation of the German prosecutions, Purchio said, on the ground that the defendants are being denied their "basic legal rights."



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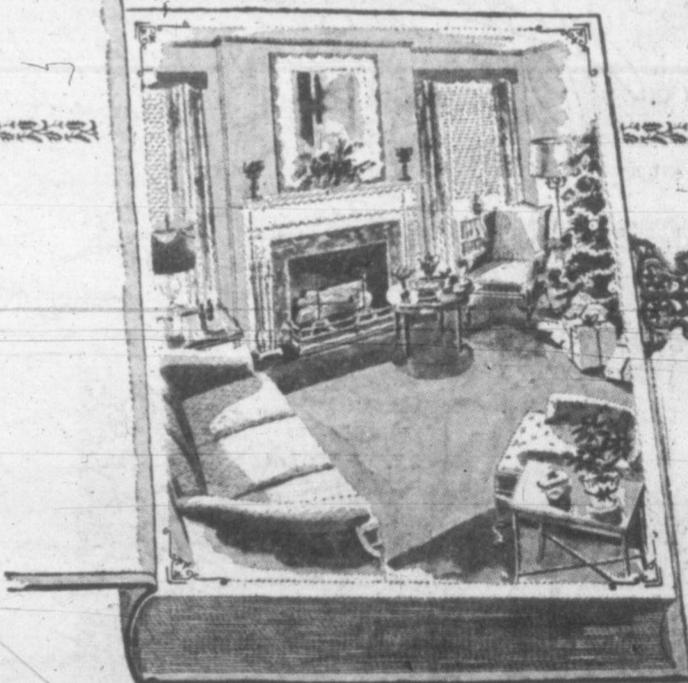
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## 1947 Bonanza Year For Promoters In Britain

By JACK SULLIVAN

LONDON (CP)—A few silver clouds managed to pierce an otherwise grey British sports picture during 1947.

With only slight alterations — change of names and figures — the story followed the pattern of the previous year when well-fed foreign competitors went home with British titles in their baggage. British athletes, however, showed signs they were slowly regaining the form that gave prewar stars the reputation of being anything but pushovers.

But if British victories in international play were few, free-spending fans made 1947 a bonanza year for promoters. Unable to buy all the goods they wanted, they spent their money on sport. Cricket, soccer, boxing, rugby and motorcycle speedway, horse and greyhound racing presented balance sheets in glistening black.

A treacherous winter, accompanied by the fuel crisis, almost wiped out sports early in the year, but it rebounded with the spring. Midweek greyhound-racing meetings were banned to save electricity and reduce labor absenteeism, but many tracks held "doubleheaders" on Saturdays and the parl-mutuel machines clicked merrily over receipts estimated at £200,000,000 (\$800,000,000).

One 1947 bright spot was the revival of cricket. First-class county clubs provided sparkling championship, and von Nida, far

and away the outstanding tournament player, won more than £3,000 (\$12,000) in prize money.

It was another disastrous year for British tennis. Wimbledon's famed centre court was bare of British stars in the final rounds, giving way to Americans and Australians, with Jack Kramer, California star who now is a professional, taking the men's singles and fellow-American Margaret Osborne the women's.

### WOODCOCK'S FAILURE

Boxing also presented a gloomy picture. The fortunes of Bruce Woodcock, Britain's heavyweight champion whose star shone bright in 1946, turned a full cycle and the Doncaster railroader now is almost in obscurity.

Placed near the top as a Joe Louis contender, he met ponderous, lightly regarded Joe Baksy of Pittsburgh in April, took an unmerciful pummeling in seven rounds, and hasn't been fit to enter the ring since.

French-bred racehorses, which won more than \$150,000 for their owners in 1946 stakes, ended the 1947 season with total earnings of approximately \$75,000, but the year cannot be termed "disastrous" for British owners.

British bloodstock in export markets earned \$12,000,000 in hard-currency areas during the first nine months of this year, compared with \$8,000,000 for 1946.

Still, two of the classics were won by "outsiders." Irish-bred Caughoo, a 100 to 1 longshot, won the Grand National; and Pearl Diver, also a 100 to 1 starter, won the Derby for France. British-bred Sayajirao galloped home the winner of the St. Leger classic.

Outstanding sports personality was the 43-year-old jockey Gordon Richards, who ended the eight-month flat-racing season with 269 victories — a record which may never be approached by any other rider. Gordon also won the British championship for the 20th time in 23 years.

MONTREAL (CP)—The battle for first place in the Quebec senior football league, the province's premier senior circuit, has turned into a mad scramble between the top four teams as the season nears the half-way mark.

Shawinigan Falls Cataracts, Ottawa Senators, Montreal Royals, Allan Cup champions, and Quebec Aces, who are running in that order with 34, 33, 30 and 29 points respectively.

Boston Olympics in fifth spot are 15 points back of Quebec, while the other two clubs, Valleyfield Braves and New York Rovers, trail far behind.

In Quebec's other senior circuit, the Provincial Hockey League, Victoriaville Tigers have overtaken the early pace-setters, Sherbrooke St. Francis, and now hold a six-point lead over the hand-picked Sherbrooke club.

The other three teams, St. Hyacinthe Gallos, Lachine Rapides and Cornwall Cougars have been unable to gain much headway against the top two.

### JUNIOR PLAY

The juniors are enjoying their best season ever with the province's only junior "A" loop, the Junior Amateur Hockey Association — traditionally a Montreal league — having three out-of-town entries for the first time. They are, Three Rivers, Valleyfield and Quebec, who with six Montreal district teams make up a high-calibre league.

Sylvio Mantha's Montreal Nationals have dominated the circuit so far, with 13 victories, two draws and only one defeat.

Montreal Royals, Quebec Citadels, Verdun Cyclones, Three Rivers Reds and Montreal Canadiens, last year's eastern Memorial Cup finalists, will carry a lot of weight when play-off time rolls around.

### LARGE PARTY

Present indications are that about 30 persons will make the trip, including 26 players, one trainer, a coach, manager and the club president, J. M. Piggott Jr.

During the season the jumbos played nine scheduled league fixtures, losing only two starts

one to Toronto Argonauts and the other to Toronto Parkdale.

In the playoffs the Tigers showed

their class, overcoming a 13-point deficit to down the Argos in a two-game total-point round.

### Fight Results

BROOKLYN — Herbie Krownowitz, 158½, New York, outpointed Jimmy Mangia, 158, New York, 8.

### Preacher Gets \$4 To Mention Musician

NEWTON ABBOT, England (Reuter)—Before the Vicar of Ilingston Village, near Newton Abbot, preaches his Christmas Day sermon he will receive £1 (\$4) in cash on condition that he mentions the name of an itinerant musician who roared the Devonshire countryside with his violin 250 years ago.

The musician, William Candy, made a fortune from his playing and bought a farm in the village. When he died in 1727 he left £1 annually to the vicar, providing his name was mentioned in church on Christmas Day.

The remaining revenue from the farm he devoted to clothing for the poor to be distributed on the same day — bequest which this year will benefit 11 villagers to the extent of a new sports jacket each. Clothing coupons must be provided by the applicants, however.

### Strike Of Seattle Mechanics At End

SEATTLE (AP)—Striking automobile mechanics voted 629 to 134 Tuesday night to accept a management settlement offer of \$1.75 an hour and return to work this morning.

The men, ending a strike which began in early summer, are back on the job in time to receive a "Christmas present" of \$24 holiday pay for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, leaders said.

The Seattle Auto Dealers' Association met the union's demand of \$1.75 an hour.

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### Neilson Stars In Vancouver Ice Win

Mel Neilson was just about all the Vancouver Canucks needed last night. The speedy right wing tapped home three goals in a 4 to 0 Pacific Coast Hockey League victory over the New Westminster Royals at Vancouver.

Johnny Milliard got the other marker. It was the only game scheduled in the league, which takes tonight off to observe Christmas Eve.

Tomorrow night San Francisco plays at San Diego.

Neilson's three goals brought his professional playing total to 79.

The win repaid the Canucks, to some extent, for their 3 to 0 defeat by the Royals Saturday. That whitewashing was the first time Vancouver had been shut out in 169 league or playoff games.

The 169-game figure is a national record, according to league officials.

### Invite City Council To Aged Men's Home

Residents of the Aged Men's Home will celebrate Christmas Day with a full turkey dinner to which Mayor and Mrs. Percy E. George and the members of the city council and their wives have been invited.

A member of the council will present a gift to each of the residents from under the Christmas tree. At 7:30 in the evening, there will be a home talent concert.

There have already been Yuletide festivities at the home, and Monday evening, in the ever-green-decorated main hall the Salvation Army band played Christmas carols.

### Here's A Long, Cool One



Toronto centre Ted Kennedy (on ice) and New York Rangers' centre Buddy O'Connor tangle during first-period battle for loose puck at Madison Square Garden. Toronto trimmed Rangers 4 to 1.

### Mad Scramble For Leading Berth In Quebec Hockey Loop

HAMILTON (CP)—Inactive for several weeks except for practice drills, Hamilton Tigers claimed the layoff had not dulled their football claws as they prepared to leave Friday night to engage Vancouver Blue Bombers for the Dominion junior football crown—official or unofficial.

Finally selected as eastern representatives after the most-controversial season on record, the junior tabbies had only to win their junior Big Four group of the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union to gain the western trip.

The Ontario Rugby Football Union, after a jumbled series of disqualifications, failed to declare a champion and Quebec defaulted.

As the Tigers staged final workouts they were not particularly worried if their two-game "evergreen bowl" series with the Bombers Jan. 1 and 3 was recognized by the Canadian Rugby Union as a championship affair or not.

They agreed to play one game under western rules, and one under C.R.U. rules in negotiations with the coast club. C.R.U. officials say "western" rules are "out" but the Vancouver moguls are proceeding with original plans. Under western rules all players are eligible to take advantage of the 10 yards interference whereas only players on the line of scrimmage enjoy that privilege under the C.R.U. code.

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### Secrecy Surrounds Training Grind Of Trojans For Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Michigan's speed and deception against Southern California's weight and prayer—that is still the picture of the New Year's Day game in the Rose Bowl.

Michigan, in other words, remains the top-heavy favorite to hand Southern Cal its second defeat in 10 appearances in Pasadena's rose-trimmed saucer.

There is an element of mystery around the Trojan preparations, however. For the first time in their history, the Trojans have retired to a new setting—Santa Barbara—to drill in utmost secrecy for the New Year's Day engagement.

This was a move apparently calculated by their coach, Jeff Cravath, to repair whatever morale was damaged in the dreadful encounter with Notre Dame Dec. 6 (38 to 7).

And if it is humanly possible to bring his club back off the canvas, Cravath is one realistic individual who can do it.

As for new or refurbished playing strategy, offence or methods of defence to solve the magic of Michigan's Bob Chapman and mates, this, too, remains in the mysterious file and won't be available for inspection until the cardinal and gold takes the field before those 90,000 spectators a week from tomorrow.

### Johnny Crawford Injured In Practice

BOSTON (AP)—Woe piled upon woe today for Boston Bruins who will play Chicago Black Hawks at Boston Garden Christmas night in a National Hockey League game.

Johnny Crawford, able defenceman, suffered a head and leg injury when he slammed into the immovable posts of a goal in yesterday's practice session.

The Bruins are hampered because of injuries suffered by Milt Schmidt, their all-star centre. Fern Flaman is just getting back into action after an injury.

NEW YORK—Lee Q. Murray, 208, New York, knocked out Sam O'Brien, 188, Norfolk, Va., 1.

### Large Party

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### Al Brightman Plays Santa To Astoria Pro Cage Team

Strictly of the gift variety—Christmas or otherwise—was Astoria's 72 to 73 triumph over Seattle last night in the eveing's only Pacific Coast Professional Basketball League encounter.

Seattle led the Columbia River quintette 71 to 70 with but five seconds remaining only to have the usually reliable Al Brightman, Seattle player-coach, toss the ball inbounds to Andy Anderson, Astoria forward, who whirled in the winning basket.

The Athletics, playing their fifth game in as many nights, held a 14-point lead at the end of the third quarter but it melted away.

Ken Hays, Astoria centre, paced scoring with 19 points.

All clubs are scheduled to take tonight off with the league's Christmas gift to the fans coming Thursday at Tacoma when the leading Mountaineers entertain the runner-up Vancouver Hornets.

LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tacoma	8	3	.727
Seattle	8	3	.615
Bellingham	6	6	.500
Astoria	5	5	.385
Vancouver	4	6	.333

Teams and scores follow:

Astoria—Wirkkunen 12, Anderson 13, Hays 19, Warren, Smith 6, Lovelace 4, Magruder 4, Howard 14.

Seattle—Gilbertson 4, Price 8, White 11, Least 7, Brightman 16, Kottman 10, Watson 6, Dalthrop 9.

### Australia Rejects Dinny Pails' Offer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Australia received an offer Tuesday from its tennis champion, Dimmy Pails, to help finance its challenge for the Davis Cup, but politely turned it down.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association disclosed Monday that it might not be able to challenge the United States for the famous trophy next year because of a shortage of American dollars.

Pails, who recently turned pro-

fessional, immediately offered to lend the association a portion of the dollars he will earn on a United States tour opening in New York Friday night.

"It is very good of Pails to make the offer but it is entirely a matter between the association and the federal government and has nothing to do with Pails," said Sir Norman Brookes, A.L.T.A. president.

WINNIPEG (CP)—President Arthur U. Chipman of the Winnipeg Rugby Football Club was elected to his fourth term in that office at the annual meeting of the Bombers executive last night.

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## Stirring Music Of Symphony Impresses Church Audience

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The Victoria Symphony Society, which has already inaugurated many fine and novel events in the city's musical life, was responsible on Tuesday night for one of the most stirring Christmas musical festivals within the memory of most of the huge congregation.

St. John's Church with its muted lights, the burning candles, the white robes of the choristers, the wonderful music of Bach, Handel, Corelli, blended into a splendid service—an ideal commemoration of the Birthday of Christ with Melvin Knudsen leading the Victoria Symphony Orchestra and the new symphony choir, with Frederick Chubb at the organ and the Rev. George Biddle narrating the Nativity according to the Gospel of St. Luke, a program of some of the finest music written on the subject, was beautifully performed. If this venture is to become an annual event, which was a hope expressed by many last night, it will be one to which Victorians will flock in greater numbers.

The performance by the orchestra of Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," the most famous of his concert grossi, was most successful and interesting. Rather than a single solo instrument, Corelli used a group of instruments against the full ensemble to depict the Nativity and angels hovering over Bethlehem. The Concerto closes with a Pastoral of great beauty which was particularly well done.

The sonorous voices of a quartet of brasses from the orchestra, played a Bach Chorale, developing its broad majestic beauty to the full. The choral work in the Holst "Christmas Song" was extremely effective and indicated that this new chorus is to take its place rapidly among the very finest of our musical organizations. The orchestra accompanied this and also, with the organ, a most lovely rendering of "The First Noel." One seemed to be hearing the three carols that were included in the program with new ears. At least, these beautiful songs were given a new aspect, particularly "Silent Night," which had an especially poignant effect as a harp solo. A most fitting conclusion to a program of rare significance and deep reverence, was the exultant performance of the "Hallelujah" Chorus by full orchestra, organ and voices.

## Court Fine For Street Fighting

Arjan Singh pleaded guilty to a charge of creating a disturbance in a public place on the night of Dec. 21 in city police court today and was fined \$10 by Magistrate H. C. Hall. Patrick J. Sinnott, acting city prosecutor, told the court accused got into a fight with Alexander Stewart on Fisgard Street which attracted a large crowd. Stewart, who has been charged similarly, was remanded to Dec. 30. No plea was entered.

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## Christmas Mail Nearly Cleared Up, Says Post Office

All incoming Christmas mail available at the Victoria Post Office this morning has gone out for delivery, according to J. B. Sinclair, postmaster, who reported one of the best years the post office has ever had.

Outgoing mail is almost back to normal and all incoming mail has been disposed of to date. Only mail coming in this afternoon and evening will be left for delivery Boxing Day. To aid in this final clean up, extra letter carriers are being kept on Friday.

The post office this year was not "snowed under," and this was put down to the co-operation of the public in reply to the appeal to mail early for Christmas.

At Bay Street Armories where the huge overflow of parcels is being attended to, things are well in hand despite the fact that this year has been the biggest parcel year ever experienced. All parcels are on their way except those which arrived in this morning, but parcel deliveries will continue until a later hour tonight before closing down for Christmas Day, to begin again.

## From Seat In Streetcar Saw Theft Committed

From his seat on a No. 2 streetcar last evening at 7:15 Jack Stevens, 842 Admirals Road, was eye-witness to a bold theft from the Indian crafts shop on Government Street, city police reported.

He saw two men standing by the front of the shop. The door was open "and one of the men knelt down and went into the store and took a purse displayed in the window." He came out and both of the men walked away.

Mr. Stevens was able to furnish the police with a fair description of the men. Shop attendants were informed and reported the purse stolen was an imitation alligator skin type worth \$29.

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## Mayhew Says Government's Aims Accomplished In 10-Day Session

R. W. Mayhew, Victoria M.P., said here today on his return from Ottawa that the 10-day pre-Christmas session of Parliament had accomplished the two-fold aims of the government—namely the placing before the people for consideration and study of the Geneva trade agreements and the government's plans to meet the shortage of U.S. dollars.

Mr. Mayhew, who will return to Ottawa about the middle of January for the reconvening of Parliament Jan. 26, said that both matters were of vital importance to Canadians not only in the immediate but also in the more distant future.

"First, the government wanted to get before the people of Canada as much of the Geneva trade agreement as possible and as early as possible," said Mr. Mayhew.

"At the same time the government wanted to have placed before the people the two-fold program of Finance Minister Abbott, to correct the dollar shortage."

The two phases of the program were the banning and restricting of imports into Canada and the levying of excise taxes, along with the long-term program of building up Canadian industries to provide a permanent solution to

the situation which now faces the nation.

"These," he said, "did get a pretty good airing one way and another."

At the same time the government wished to explain to the people details of its plans for the prices of gold so that ample time would be given for consideration of the bill.

Only the Canadian people can solve Canada's current dollar shortage, said Mr. Mayhew, adding that without the co-operation of the people the government's plans would fail.

"Everybody now is thoroughly acquainted with the fact that the aggregate of individual effort is going to solve the problem," he said.

The government also wished to fulfil its promise given on the last day of the last session by Prime Minister King and Veterans' Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie that plans to increase allowances for members of the armed forces, war pensioners and their dependents and civil servants would be made at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Mayhew emphasized that the success of a democracy depended on an informed public and the government, in calling the pre-Christmas meeting of Parliament, was attempting to keep the Canadian public well informed.

Lavish dinners and a program of entertainment have been prepared for deep sea seamen who will be spending Christmas in Victoria.

At the Seamen's Institute, 106 Superior Street, everything has been done to make seafaring men feel at home. The premises have been decorated and a tall Christmas tree has been installed by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward, who are responsible for the management of the building.

Although some seamen will be having their Christmas dinner at the Seamen's Institute, the majority of them will be eating aboard ship. The crew of the British freighter Sedgepool, now in Esquimalt drydock undergoing extensive repairs to damage caused when she grounded on Prevost Island, will have their Christmas dinner aboard ship.

Approximately 60 Fijians who have been awaiting the Levuka and Lakemba, which are being reconverted at the Victoria Machinery Depot shipyard, will have their Christmas dinner at the V.M.D. canteen.

## Town Topics

A purse containing \$10 and personal papers, owned by Mrs. K. C. Mitchell, Field Apartments, was stolen off the counter of the Coach Lines coffee shop last evening, city police report.

At 8:57 last night the Oak Bay fire department attended in front of the Oak Bay Theatre where a motorcycle was on fire. At 10:55 the department put out a minor blaze caused by a short circuit in a streetcar in the Willows district. Damage was small in both cases.

Citizens of Victoria have a special interest in the Christmas cantata "Noel" which will be presented by Centennial United Church choir on Sunday next at the regular evening service; the composer is Ernest Dicks, F.R.C.O., F.T.C.L., whose sister and niece, Mrs. Harold Pontifex and daughter reside at 417 Niagara Street in this city.

Glenora Cavaliers Taffie, 16328, a Jersey cow bred by W. & M. Waldon, Duncan, and owned and tested by Arthur R. Pressey, Westholme, has completed a senior yearling record of 8,866 lbs. milk, 434 lbs. fat in 365 days, with an average test of 4.89 per cent. Taffie was only one year and 10 months of age when she started her splendid record.

George Eng was found guilty on a charge of dangerous driving at the conclusion of his trial in city police court today and was fined \$40 and had his driver's license suspended for one month by Magistrate H. C. Hall. He was in an accident recently at the intersection of Vining Street and Stanley Avenue. The driver of the other car was fined earlier.

Charles W. Reid entered a plea of guilty today in city police court to a charge of theft of four bags containing 60 pounds of packaged coffee, the property of Macdonald's Consolidated Ltd., and was remanded to Saturday for sentence by Magistrate H. C. Hall.

Sgt. Thomas Banister testified he went into a store off an alleyway on Fisgard Street at 10:45 last night and found the accused dickered to sell the coffee, who wants a pen pal 19 years old.

## Extra Trips Will Handle Rush Of Christmas Travel

Transportation companies report they are experiencing the usual Christmas rush.

The dispatchers at both the E. & N. Railway and Vancouver Island Coach Lines say the past few days have shown a considerable increase over regular travel on the island. The bus company is today putting over-night starting at 11:45. Holy Communion services will be held tomorrow at 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m., as well as a Choral Eucharist service at 11. The services will be conducted by Dean Spencer Elliott. St. Barnabas Church on Cook Street will hold a midnight mass and Holy Communion service at 11. The Lake Hill St. Peter's Mission will hold a Christmas Day service at 8:30. St. George's Church, Cadboro Bay, will hold a mid-night service tonight starting at 11:30, with Communion service at 10 on Thursday.

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All Catholic churches will hold Midnight Mass services tonight.

Midnight Mass services will be held at St. Alban's Church in the Oaklands district tonight at 11:30 and Holy Communion services will be held

## Church Services Starting Tonight Will Emphasize Christmas Message

Many Victorians will attend church services this evening and tomorrow to offer prayers of thanksgiving and to ask that the Christmas theme "Peace On Earth; Goodwill Toward Men," be made real and lasting.

St. Mark's Church at Boleskine Road and Tennyson Avenue will hold Christmas Day services at 8 and 11. Holy Communion will be held Friday morning at 10, St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West, will hold a Eucharist service at 11:45 and a Communion service at 10 on Thursdays.

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## Would Make Arena Roof Parking Lot

A novel idea to start the Memorial Arena producing revenue even in its unfinished state has been put forward by F. Allen, 938 Yates Street, in a letter to the city council.

Until such time as materials are available at a fair price to complete the structure, he has applied to have it rented to him for use as a covered parking lot. He has offered to share the take on the parking-lot with the city on a 40-60 basis.

Hotels report they are full or very nearly full. Visitors have come from far and wide to attend the famous Christmas pageant and dinner to be held at the Empress Hotel.

Although some seamen will be having their Christmas dinner at the Seamen's Institute, the majority of them will be eating aboard ship. The crew of the British freighter Sedgepool, now in Esquimalt drydock undergoing extensive repairs to damage caused when she grounded on Prevost Island, will have their Christmas dinner aboard ship.

Approximately 60 Fijians who have been awaiting the Levuka and Lakemba, which are being reconverted at the Victoria Machinery Depot shipyard, will have their Christmas dinner at the V.M.D. canteen.

A small blaze caused by a short circuit in a streetcar at View and Douglas Streets last evening at 5:25 tied up traffic for a while. The fire department quickly appeared on the scene and were back in the fire hall eight minutes later.

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## Canadians Warned Of Quitting Jobs

Ottawa (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell warned in a statement Tuesday it was inadvisable for workers to move from one locality to another unless they have obtained jobs or unless they

have been advised by employment offices that work is available.

Mr. Mitchell made the statement after reports received from various local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission which indicated that at present there was an "appreciable" movement of persons from one part of Canada to another.

## Esther Williams In Royal Film

Tiny Sharon McManus has the world's highest paid swimming coach—Esther Williams, former swim champion and now M-G-M glamour star.

Miss Williams taught Sharon

to swim for M-G-M's new technicolor musical, "This Time for Keeps," in which she and Sharon are seen together in a spectacular water number.

Most thrilling aspects for Sharon, however, is that she not only imitates Miss Williams in the swimming department but in the glamour field as well. She wears an eye-catching bathing suit to match Esther's!

Others seen in the new musical hit, showing at the Royal Theatre starting tomorrow are Lauritz Melchior, Jimmy Durante, Johnnie Johnston and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra. The picture was directed by Richard Thorpe and was produced by Joe Pasternak.

## BBC Yule Program To Emphasize Need Of Men Of Good Will

LONDON (CP)—One of the most ambitious Christmas programs ever attempted by the BBC will be heard by listeners in various parts of the world tomorrow between 2 and 3 p.m., G.M.T., 6 to 7 a.m., P.S.T.

An "Empire Christmas cake" with all the ingredients—voices and scenes from the snows of Canada—from Africa's sunny mountains . . . India's coral strands . . . from the middle Atlantic and from the sky . . . From a miner's cottage in Britain and from a king's residence—all are mixed in with the timing of harmony notes in an orchestra. Should that evil magician, atmospheres, start tricks there is first-aid in an adjoining room in the shape of records made of the whole broadcast during rehearsals.

The theme of the program, third since the war, is the need for men of good will in all lands to unite in order that the world may survive and flourish. Sir John Boyd Orr, spokesman of the United Nations, will respond to Sir Lawrence Olivier's call and he will be followed by voices from the Dominions and from the colonies and from the welfare mission in the Indian plains beyond Delhi.

There will be a broadcast from a hut on Lunenburg Heath, Germany, among British troops and displaced persons. Another will be from the battlefields of Alsace and still another from among the war-scarred children of Pestalozzi school near Zurich, Switzerland.

The King has not rehearsed for his broadcast, but he knows what is expected of him. He will speak from seven to 10 minutes and engineers have three lines ready should anything go wrong.

## Joyous Laughter Picture At Atlas

Romance of a hilarious kind motivates "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer," Dore Schary's production for RKO radio with Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple co-starring and now showing at the Atlas Theatre.

Grant and Shirley, respectively, have the title roles, with Miss Loy as a woman judge who has been too busy with the law and with bringing up her teen-aged sister to pay much attention to men. But when Grant comes into her life, first as a participant in a court hearing and then as the object of the younger girl's mad infatuation, she starts to pay attention in a big way.

## YORK THEATRE

Vincent Price portrays a psychiatrist, torn between his love for a woman who is bad for him, and his own conscience, in "Shock," the 20th Century-Fox psychological drama which is now at the York Theatre, co-starring Lynn Bari.

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## Hospital Yule Festivity



Capt. James W. Cates, now convalescing at St. Joseph's Hospital, will not lack Christmas celebration as he takes his tea under the big Christmas tree. Nurse B. Carlyle is in attendance. Carol singers have been coming to entertain the hospital patients during Christmas week.

All patients not on special diets will be given all the traditional Christmas fare Thursday, and even those on special diets will be given as close to the traditional fare as possible, Sister Superior said. Christmas menu cards have been printed to place on each patient's tray.



**News of the Island****Pioneer Resident Buried Monday**

**SOOKE**—Sooke's oldest resident, Curtis Trenchard Muir, who died at his home Friday, was laid to rest in Muir private cemetery Monday.

Rev. H. M. Bolton conducted funeral service at Holy Trinity Church. Pallbearers were Jack Phillips, Fred Milne, Arnold Gling, Eustace Arden, E. J. Pontious and P. G. Millman.

Mr. Muir was born at Sooke 79 years ago, the second son of Robert Muir and grandson of John Muir, a member of the first Legislature of British Columbia, of "Woodsides," Sooke, whose family was the first to settle in Sooke district.

He had traveled extensively in Canada in his early years. He is survived by his widow and one son, C. Leonard Muir.

**Plan Dance For Sooke District**

**SOOKE**—Those contributing to a musical entertainment, modern and old-time dance in Sooke Community Hall dining room Saturday, commencing at 8, will be Carol Collins, Carole Chivers, Beth Martin, Lorraine Duncan, Elinor Eve, Diane Acreman, Bob Lafeyenne, Mrs. Florence Acreman and Leonard Stewart.

Mrs. H. Wadams and Mrs. G. H. Jones will be in charge of receipts.

The proceeds are for the Sooke and Milne's Landing P.T.A. Projector Fund. The projector will be used by both the elementary and high schools at Sooke.

**Cowichan Elks Stage Concert**

**Lake Cowichan**—Lake Cowichan Lodge No. 293 B.P.O. Elks entertained the children Saturday afternoon, when they staged a Christmas party and entertainment in the Community Hall. Gifts were distributed to 165 children of members, under the age of 11 years. All children, even outside that age group, received candies, ice cream, and other goodies. The giant tree touched the ceiling.

Mr. Frank Merryfield of Victoria, well-known magician, went through a trunkful of tricks to bewilder and delight children and grown-ups alike.

Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple helped their brother Elks to arrange the party, and they were thanked for their assistance.

**Entertainment At Sunday School Hall**

**LUXTON**—Luxton Sunday School held its Christmas concert Monday evening in Luxton Sunday School Hall.

The school is sponsored by Central Baptist Church and is superintended by T. Watson.

Concert opened with the carol "O Come All Ye Faithful." Martha Mills gave a recitation followed by a choral group by the junior girls' class.

Alfred and Dorothy Lincoln sang a duet, "Silent Night," after which Dorothy Lincoln recited "We Know." A violin solo by Donald Sliman was accompanied at the organ by A. Sliman.

A tableau was presented by the intermediate girls, entitled "Unto Us a Child is Born." Boys' class gave a selection entitled "Blessings."

The girls' Bible class sang several carols, "I'm Glad That Jesus Came to Earth." Norma Wilkinson sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Dr. G. B. Rowell gave a short talk. Norman Barton, former teacher of the Sunday School, who now resides in Vancouver, presented the attendance prizes and Christmas gifts to the children.

**Give Turkey Dinner For Single Employees**

**HONEYMOON BAY**—Western Forest Industries Ltd. treated its single employees to a turkey dinner Thursday evening. The large dining-hall here was decorated for the festive occasion.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, turkeys were distributed to all married employees of the company here and at their associate settlements.

**To Refit Stewart**

Specifications are now being drawn up for the annual refit of the hydrographic survey vessel, William J. Stewart, including a considerable amount of work below the ship's waterline, according to W. K. Willis, chief of the Dominion hydrographic survey offices here.

Tenders will be called in about six weeks, and both Victoria Machinery Depot Co. Ltd., and Yarrows Ltd., are expected to submit bids for the contract.

**Other Countries Will Need All Canada Can Produce In 1948**

By Canadian Press

Tired of shopping? Well, there's a whole new year of it coming up and it will be a good idea to get the shelves in order, for the world promises to come calling for about everything Canada has, or can dream of producing.

The Christmas stocking of 1947 looks very good, though some of the things in it may produce headaches if not handled judiciously.

Most interesting shiny new item is the European recovery program, which has yet to run a course of bitter debate in the United States Congress, but which seems bound to produce an attempt to buy every bit of goods Canada can spare.

The recovery program — so long awaited, so long delayed — had somewhat faded into an abstraction, and the actual words of President Truman, which indicated that some billions of dollars under this Marshall Plan would be spent in Canada, brought almost a gasp.

This seems in store:

Canada in 1948 will embark on a maximum expansion of production, both of raw materials and manufactured goods, with virtually all lines receiving the stimulation whether or not they are directly affected by the European program.

When the present so-called "artificial" buying is over, Canada will be equipped with a great producing plant which will require an outlet in increased "normal" sales both at home and abroad.

In view of this, observers feel that the mad rush of buying expected in 1948 should not long await; so long delayed — had somewhat faded into an

obscure the need for long-range planning.

On the market front Tuesday buying continued buoyant and moderately lively. Toronto extended the recovery shift, with the gold section moving into action on good advances for secondary goods as calculations of the value of government assistance were being completed. Industrials in New York, Montreal and Toronto generally moved steadily on an upward trend. London was quiet, but the undertone was optimistic.

**B.C. Not Affected**

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia won't be affected by agreement between major Canadian oil companies and the federal government to reduce imports of United States fuel oil to conserve dollars, oil men said here Tuesday night.

They expressed the belief the agreement would not affect this province because supplies for the winter are already in Canada awaiting delivery.

Shortly after the collision,

**Plan Repair Work On H.M.C.S. Micmac**

HALIFAX (CP) — Reconstruction and repair work on the collision-twisted bow of the Tribal class destroyer Micmac, which rammed the freighter Yarmouth County in dense fog off Halifax last July, will be started by Halifax Shipyards Ltd. as soon as equipment and materials are available, R. J. R. Nelson, general manager, said.

"As far as we know, we've been awarded the contract by the navy and work will begin as soon as we can dig up steel plates and other materials," Mr. Nelson stated Tuesday.

A tentative survey of the damage indicated a complete bow

would have to be grafted on the Micmac, laid down in 1941 at a cost of several millions. Final specifications, however, have not been released.

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## BIRTHS

BARNES—To Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Barnes (nee Leona Harris), at Jubilee Hospital, Dec. 21, a son, Gregory Wayne.

JOHN—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Michel John (nee Gwendoline Berrill), 2131 Fair Street, on Dec. 22, a son, Royal John. Hospital, a daughter.

WATSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson (nee Phyllis Rosemary), at Jubilee Hospital, Campbell River, on Dec. 22, a daughter, Sharon Dayle, 7 lbs. 2 ozs.

## MARRIAGES

WYSEMAN-DANN—The marriage took place today, Dec. 23, in this city, of John F. Wyseman of Winnipeg, Man., only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Wyseman of Angus, Scotland, to Kathleen Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. D. Macdonald, B.C. Rev. Dr. Hugh A. McLeod officiated.

## DEATHS

CREE—In Victoria, B.C., on Dec. 24, 1947, Miss Josephine Crease, formerly of 1201 Fort Street, born in New Westminster, B.C., in 1908. Services at Victoria for 30 years. She leaves a brother, A. D. Crease, R.C.A., in Victoria; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral on Saturday, leaving Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 2.45 p.m. for Christ Church Cathedral where service will be held. Interment in the plot, Ross Bay Cemetery. (No flowers, by request.)

CUMMING—At St. Joseph's Hospital on Dec. 23, 1947, Wilmot E. Cumming of 1704 Richmond Road, Victoria. Funeral services will be held at McCullough Bros. Floral Funeral Chapel on Friday at 2 p.m. (No flowers, by request.)

LUKOVICH—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Dec. 24, William John Lukovich, 70, died. He was born in Hesquette, C.B., and had been a resident of Victoria and Rojino all his life. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Sime Mortuary Ltd.

MCMICHAEL—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital, on Dec. 22, 1947, Anne McMichael, beloved wife of William McMichael, 1938 Tattersall Dr., Victoria. She was born in County Down, Northern Ireland, and had resided in Victoria for the past 25 years. The late Mrs. McMichael is survived by her mother, besides her husband, two sons, William and Robert, and two daughters, Margaret and Diane. Also her home five brothers, James in Victoria, John in Vancouver, E.C., Samuel in England, and Robert and William in Northern Ireland, and one sister, Molly, in Coleraine, Northern Ireland. Funeral services will be held at the Royal Jubilee Chapel on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. M. D.D., officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

MEARS—Mrs. Margaret Lydia Mearns of Cowichan Station, aged 75, died on Dec. 23, 1947, after a length illness. Funeral services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

STEWART—Passed away suddenly in Victoria, on Dec. 23, James Albert Stewart, aged 73 years, born in Uxbridge, Ontario, son of Henry of Hamiota, Manitoba, for many years, and had been visiting Victoria for the past few weeks. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, and one son, Vance, in Hamiota, and one daughter, Mrs. Jack Linton, in Arborg, Manitoba.

The family will be forwarded on to night's boat en route to Hamiota, Manitoba, where funeral services, and interment will take place. The Sands Mortuary Ltd. are in charge of arrangements.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Mrs. Clyde Ford of Oiney Springs, Colorado, wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all friends who, by their kindness to her, have helped so much during her short stay in Victoria. Owing to illness she was unable to thank personally these friends.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
HUTTON—In loving memory of a dear wife, Elizabeth Hutton, she died Dec. 22, 1947. Loving and kind in all her ways. Upright and just to the end of her days. In her case, she suffered, in patience she bore it well. God called her home to heaven. Till God called her home to suffer no more.

Those who knew her all will know how much we lost one year ago. God saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. So he chose another road for us and whispered peace be thine.

—Always remembered and kindly missed by her loving husband, Stewart.

DICKINSON—In loving memory of Robert Henry Dickinson, who passed away Dec. 23, 1947.

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—Ever remembered by his daughter, Violet, and grandson, Allan.

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A CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL AT Stewart's Old-Time dance, Wednesday, Dec. 24. Serpentines and prizes. Arcade.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC, LUXTON HALL, sponsored by the B.C. Provincial Council of the Royal Canadian Legion. Refreshments, favors, prizes. Dancing from 9 p.m. Mrs. Bowes orchestra. Everybody welcome. Phone G 2460 for tickets. Admission \$1.50. View.

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It was understood the meeting would discuss the crucial question of "QR"—quantitative restrictions—which has brought a crisis in the conference called by the United Nations to work out a proposed I.T.O. charter.

Tuesday delegates of the United States and France among industrialized countries, and Australia and Liberia among the "under-developed nations," warned of chaos which would follow if prohibitions were not accepted, against quotas, licenses and similar restrictions on international trade.

### INSTRUCTIONS ASKED

A number of cablegrams sent by delegations to their capitals, presumably asking for instructions, indicated the address had had an effect on the representatives of countries insisting upon permission to invoke "QR" against imports.

The United States, chief proponent of the tentative I.T.O. charter worked out by 18 countries at Geneva and presented to the conference here, threatened that its gigantic economic power might "freeze out" smaller countries if the general ban on "QR" were not adopted.

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### WOMEN STAGED SMALL REVOLT AGAINST LONG DRESSES

Fashions take up a great deal of the time of many women. I am told that some of them spend hours talking about hats. If this is true, the talking must take place when women get together. Few men, if any, would be willing to spend as much as half an hour listening to words about headgear (except men in the hat business).

There was reason to talk about clothing 90 years ago. Women of that time wore so many garments that it is little wonder some of them should have given thought to better fashions.

If a woman of today appeared on the street in a costume of 1857, people would gasp. The hoop skirt was back in fashion in that year, after being "out" for a long time. The hoops hung from a band at the waist. They were made of whalebone, and the lower ones were wider than those above. In some cases the skirts bulged out to a width of four or five feet!

Most women went along with the fashion, without making any complaint, but there were a few who felt that something should be done about the long skirts and the many petticoats.

One of those women was Elizabeth Smith Miller. She believed in dress reform, and designed a new type of costume. This had a divided skirt, with a short skirt worn over it.

One of her friends was Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, the editor of a magazine known as The Lily. The magazine was published at Seneca Falls, N.Y. Mrs. Bloomer advertised the new costume in her magazine and at length became bold enough to wear the costume on the street. She also gave lectures about dress reform in several cities.

The outfit came to be called "the Bloomer costume." Most persons laughed at it but a few adopted it. One of those who wore it for a while was Dr. Mary Walker, the first woman surgeon to hold a commission in the American army. She served during the Civil War. Later she became still more extreme in her manner of dressing.

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## Some Rails Reach 1947 Highs

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market put on an irregular performance in its final session before the Christmas holiday.

After an early improvement faded, many leaders developed losses ranging to two points only to see them trimmed or converted into gains in afternoon dealings. Rails held up better than most sections and some touched 1947 highs.

**Dow Jones averages:**  
30 industrials 180.62, off 0.09  
20 rails 52.22, off 0.26  
15 utilities 33.36, up 0.01  
65 stocks 84.89, off 0.09  
Sales 900,000 shares.

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Canadian National and Southern 160-4 160-4  
Da Pont 160 160  
Eastern Kodak 14-2 14-2  
Erie Railroad 34-2 34-2  
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## London Market

LONDON (Reuters)—Renewed strength in Japanese bonds featured today's short session on London's Stock Exchange, with gains on all five points recorded. Elsewhere in the market, conditions were generally firm with appreciable turn-over in textile, iron and steel, and metals, led in greatest volume.

British government issues were quiet throughout, while railroads were strong, but mining shares were featureless. Stock closings: Babcock & Wilcox 76s, British Pure Oil 72½ d., Canadian Gold Bond 7½ d., Canadian Metal 166 10½ d., Mexican Eagle 16½ d., Mining Trust Ltd. 17s 4½ d., Rand Mine 12½ d., Royal Dutch 4s 1960-90 112½ Loan 100s, British Fundings 4s 1960-90 112½ Loan.

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Do. (82.50)	39	39
A-G Tel. (550 par)	4½	50%
B.C. Telephone	6	114
Calgary Power	98	100½
Can. Breweries	100	101
Can. Bronze	5	104
Can. Celanese (\$1.75)	4	58½
Can. Gas & Oil	102	103
C.W. Gas (250 par)	4	20½
Dom. Malling	5	103
Dom. Tel. & Tel.	102	103
Dom. Telephones	5	103
Dom. Water (550 par)	4	48½
Imb. Tobacco (25 par)	4	25½
Nat. Grocers (1.50)	4	48
Pet. Cos.	5	104
Power Corp.	6	109
Prec. Bros.	4	100
Rail. Cos.	4½	102½
Standard Chemical	5	97
Geo. Weston	4½	101
102½	102½	

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## Advances Across The Boards

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Stock Exchange ended its pre-Christmas half session of trading today with advances across the boards. Industrials posted scattered fractional gains, western oils continued the advance started several days ago while mining issues showed good form.

### Toronto Index:

20 industrials	170.04, up 0.36
20 golds	105.28, up 1.06
10 base metals	85.81, up 1.25
15 western oils	31.70, up 0.25

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Alum. Co. of Canada 4% pfld. 24½

Anglo-Canadian 4% pfld. 19½

Beatty Bros. com. 38½ 46

Bell Telephone 167 188

B.C. Oil 22½ 23

B.C. Power A 25% 26

B.C. Steel 25% 26

Budding Steel 11½ 12½

Canada and Dominion Sugar 18½ 19

Canadian Breweries 23½ 24

Canadian Pacific Railway 14½ 14

Can. Nat'l. Mills 21½ 22

Distillers Seagram com. 18½ 19

Dominion Bridge 21½ 22

Do. B. 21½ 22

Imperial Oil 14½ 15

Abitibi com. 17½ 17½

Do. pfld. 20½ 20½

Alcan Aluminum 32 33

Alcan Corp. 26 26

Bathurst Paper 20 20

Bell Telephone 166½ 166½

Brazilian Tract. 18½ 18½

B.R. Amer. Corp. 20 20

B.C. Electric Co. nfd. 20½ 20

Monarch Knitting Co. Ltd. 15 15

National Steel Can 21½ 21

Page Hersey Tubes 32 32

Russell Indus. 14 14

Shawinigan W. & P. 21 21

Sixth Breweries Ltd. 26½ 26½

Do. pfld. 40 41

G. Gemet 28½ 28½

Globe & Mail 36½ 37

Can. Can. & Foundry com. 13 14

Do. Engineers 26½ 27

Do. Oilfield & Min. 29½ 29½

Do. Woolens 13 14

Do. Steel and Coal B 17½ 18

Dom. Tar and Chem. 26½ 27

Dom. Textile 10½ 11½

Dom. Paper 28 28

Eddy Paper 18½ 18½

Fairchild Aircraft 21½ 21½

Farmers' Finance 3 3½

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Freighters V. 21½ 21½

Globe & Mail 54½ 55

Gatineau Power 18½ 19½

Gen. Steel Wires 16½ 17½

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Horatio Smith 20 21

Imperial Tobacco 14½ 14½

Indus. Accept. 31½ 31½

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Int. Pete. 60 61

Jamaica B. 13½ 13½

King of Woods 22 22

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Mitsubishi Robt. 37½ 38

Moore Corp. 70 70

Montreal Drug 44 44

Nat. Steel Car 22 22

Ottawa Flour 26½ 26½

Penman Ltd. 64 67

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Quebec Power 14½ 14½

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